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This is the face of Rebecca's killer

AFTER more than four days deliberating, a jury in Swansea Crown Court has found a 16-year-old youth guilty of the murder of Rebecca Aylward.

After the guilty verdict was announced yesterday (July 27), reporting restrictions were lifted and he was named as Joshua Davies.

Rebecca, who was 15, was found in a wooded area just outside Aberkenfig on Sunday, October 24, 2010. She died of head injuries.

The judge told the jury earlier in the day that he would accept a majority verdict, and the jury returned later with a 10-2 guilty verdict.

Detective Chief Inspector John Penhale



of the South Wales Police Specialist Crime Investigation Team said: "Our thoughts today are with Rebecca's parents, relatives and friends, who I

hope have been given some closure as a result of the jury's decision.

"This was a tragic incident which brought shock and sadness to a close-knit community.

"I would personally like to thank the community for their support during the investigation, and to the prosecution witnesses who gave evidence at the trial."

In a statement, Rebecca's family said: "The pain and horror of losing Rebecca in such horrendous circumstances cannot be put into words.

"Since that Saturday in October 2010, our lives have stopped.

"Rebecca was killed in a senseless and barbaric act.

"She died at the hands of someone she loved and trusted.

"We will never forget what he did to her, or forgive him for destroying our family.

"We would like to thank the prosecution team for their meticulous hard work."

Davies will be sentenced in September.

'We will pay for float' – says town carnival chief



Porthcawl Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society were stars at Porthcawl Carnival with their Sound of Music costumes. (Photograph by KEITH E MORGAN).

THE organiser of Porthcawl Carnival, Kerry Marlow of The Buccaneers, has contacted The GEM to say that any group entering a float next year will not have to pay insurance and hire costs.

Mr Marlow said: "I thought last week's event went well. The weather was good and the carnival field was packed.

"However, I am concerned at reports that some groups did not enter a float because the cost of

hiring and insuring a lorry."

Mr Marlow emphasised: "The Buccaneers, as organisers of the carnival, will pay for a lorry and pay insurance costs, as part of a package we arrange every year.

"That was the case this year, and it will still apply next year."

There were seven floats this year in the carnival procession, slightly down on last year, although there were more 'walking' entries than in previous years.

Mr Marlow added that it was important to make an early start on planning next year's carnival,

because there were two big events looming in 2012 – the Queen's jubilee, and the 2012 London Olympics.

He said: "Porthcawl Buccaneers are holding a meeting at the Hi-Tide Inn at 8pm on Thursday, August 11.

"We will be seeking views from the community regarding the carnival, which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 21, 2012."

(See pages 4 and 6 for photographs from this year's carnival).

'Swerved to avoid overloaded van on M4' 'Heroic' action saved two men – but cost lorry driver his life!

A HEROIC articulated lorry driver died when he selflessly swerved off the M4 near Bridgend so as not to collide with a van, which had gone out of control and veered on its side into his path.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Martin Casey (44), the driver of the van, of Waungron, Bettws, Bridgend, pleaded guilty to causing the death of Stephen Jones by careless driving.

The owner of the van, shopkeeper Masood Anwar, of Brecon Way, Bridgend, admitted aiding and abetting that offence. Each was jailed for one year and disqualified from driving for 18 months.

The van, said prosecutor Peter Davies, went out of control when it was 275 per cent overloaded.

Mr Davies said that about 9.50am on April 23, Mr Jones, a married man from Kent, was

driving his 38-ton Volvo vehicle west on the M4 between junction 34 and junction 35.

He was carrying a consignment of food from Kent to Bridgend.

The white Ford trans-

sit van being driven by Casey and containing Anwar, was going in the same direction.

Anwar, said Mr Davies, owned grocery shops and Casey was an employee. They had

bought a considerable amount of stock in Cardiff. The Volvo lorry was travelling at about 50mph in the slow lane.

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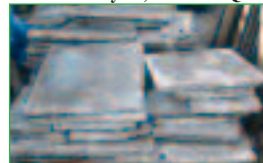
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Council's pat on the back for social workers



ABOVE: The three newly-qualified social workers who have been congratulated by Bridgend County Borough Council.

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has congratulated three of its newly-qualified social workers on their first year of practice, following on from a number of events celebrating social care in the county borough.

Joanne Lewis, Chris Fisher and Rebecca King were invited to a special meeting with corporate directors and heads of service to thank them for their hard work, present them with a certificate and wish them all the best for their career.

Rebecca qualified as a social worker at Bridgend County Borough Council in June 2010, after completing a BSc in Social Work.

She has enjoyed a successful first year with the Aftercare team and said: "I've been working in Bridgend for just over a

year now and my experience has been extremely positive so far.

As well as my personal and professional development, it's really improved my confidence and knowledge.

"I appreciate the time taken to congratulate us on our first year, but also it was a great opportunity to ask questions and talk directly to senior officers about the service we provide to the most vulnerable residents in our communities.

"I'm looking forward to many more successful years in the social care sector."

To close Social Care Week, the council held a special celebration of achievement ceremony for social care staff.

The ceremony was attended by the chair of the Care Council for Wales, Arwel Ellis Jones, Dr Mark Llewellyn from the Welsh Institute of

Health and Social Care, as well as over 100 care staff from the council and social care agencies across the county borough – social workers, home care workers, foster carers, residential care workers, and community occupational therapists.

Coun Lyn Morgan, BCBC cabinet member for Wellbeing, said:

"We value everyone who works in this wide-ranging sector because we know so many of our residents rely on their essential support.

"This is why ceremonies such as the Social Care Accolades and our own event to celebrate success, are so important in demonstrating just how much we appreciate these individuals and the outstanding work that they carry out for our most vulnerable citizens."

MP's group will honour workers

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies has established an all-party parliamentary group on the recognition of munitions workers, which held its inaugural meeting last week.

The all-party group – to which he was appointed chair – is made up of MPs from all sides, and its aim is to work with the Government to find a way of recognising all those who served in munitions factories up and down the UK, including the Welsh Arsenal at Bridgend, during the Second World War.

The newly-established all-party group will act as a focal point for continued and constructive discussions with the Business Minister Mark Prisk, which Huw and other MPs (including Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon who has been appointed vice-chair of the group) have held over the last year, and as a forum where ideas can be developed on how best to recognise all those who served as munitioneers.

The Ogmor MP commented: "Since becoming an MP, I have sought to find a way of recognising those who served as munitioneers during the Second World War – putting their lives at risk day after day to ensure that the war effort could continue.

"I was delighted that in 2009 the Prime Minister Gordon Brown was able to recognise the work of those in the Welsh Arsenal in Bridgend with a commemorative statement.

"But I want to see their work, and the work of others up and down the country, recognised more formally than they have been up until now.

"The all-party group will work constructively with the Minister to find a way of remembering and recognising the munitioneers in a fitting way.

"I look forward to working over the next year or so to find a suitable way of doing so."

Norway sympathy

THE Mayor of Bridgend events taking place in Norway county borough has sent a letter of sympathy and condolence to the people of Norway, following the twin terror attacks which killed over 90 of its citizens.

Writing to His Excellency Kim Traavik, the Norwegian Ambassador to London, Coun Chris Michaelides said: "It was with deep regret and sadness that I heard of the tragic

"We send you every good wish for the people of your country; that they will heal and find a way to rebuild their lives, so suddenly and so totally shattered around them."



Ysgol Bryn Castell pupils were keen to support Macmillan's 'World Biggest Coffee Morning'.

SCHOOLS URGED TO RISE TO COFFEE MORNING CHALLENGE

BRACE'S BAKERY will support Macmillan Cancer charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning with an innovative schools competition.

Schools in the Bridgend area are being asked to register to hold their own coffee morning (although coffee is optional) on or around September 30. As part of the event, staff are asked to hold a competition to design a new flavour Welsh cake or bread, or even come up with a new product, that Brace's may consider creating.

All entries have to be submitted by October 21, together with the school's donation to qualify.

The winning school will be presented with £100 prize money.

Scott Richardson, sales and marketing director at Brace's, said: "We are very proud to be sponsoring Macmillan's school coffee mornings across South Wales as the charity does such great work across the region. Cancer is a horrific disease and unfortunately there are not many people in this day and age who haven't been affected by it in some form.

"We are also pleased to

donate our delicious Welsh cakes to many of the coffee mornings being held as a small 'thank you' for those supporting Macmillan."

One school which has already signed up is Ysgol Bryn Castell. Teacher Anne Staley, said: "Everyone knows someone who has had cancer. It is nice to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Macmillan makes a positive difference in difficult times. From staff, through to pupils and parents we all know someone who has had cancer. Thank you Macmillan for all the wonderful work you do."

Air Cadet Nico to the rescue as woman shopper collapses

CADET Sergeant Nico Fitzgibbon proved himself something of a life saver in an incident at Bridgend town centre recently.

While shopping, a lady standing alongside him collapsed to the floor and went into a series of spasms.

Cdt Sgt Fitzgibbon went to her assistance, seeking to place her in the recovery position and apply what first aid he could. It was soon clear that the lady was suffering from an epileptic fit.

An ambulance was called and he continued to care for her until the paramedics arrived. Both the paramedic team and a grateful lady 'patient'

were generous in their praise for him as he had taken the correct action.

The Cadet Sergeant developed his first aid skills as a member of 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron Air Training Corps.

He has already qualified for St John's Ambulance Young Lifesavers Award and at present is undertaking training to complete the adult St John's Award qualifying as a workplace first aider.

Cdt Sgt Fitzgibbon commented that at first the shock of the experience was very different to the training he had received with the Air Cadets, but that he thought back to what he had learned and saw how

it should be applied to the situation.

Flt Lt Barry C Thomas, officer commanding 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC, said: "I commend Cdt Sgt Fitzgibbon on his spontaneous reaction to the situation that arose and am pleased that he carried out the correct procedure that resulted in a positive outcome."

If you are male or female and at least 13 years old then why not join 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC. We parade on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm to 9.30pm. For more information please contact the Squadron 01656 670125.

Lindsay Thomas (Secretary Civilian Committee)



Cdt Sgt Nico Fitzgibbon, who proved to be a life-saver recently during an incident in Bridgend town centre.

Pilots heat up Music in Garden

PORHCRAWL-BASED Overheated Pilots will be performing a variety of acoustic covers at Brynagarw Country Park in Brynmenyn, Bridgend on Sunday, August 7 from 2.30pm-4.30pm, as part of this year's popular 'Music in the Garden' event.

Featuring Dave Lock (vocalist and guitar) and Andrew Cocker (drums and percussion), an afternoon of musical favourites past and present is guaranteed.

August 7 – Acoustic covers with the Overheated Pilots; August 14 – Jazz with the Pen Pych Trio; August 21 – Roots fusion with Derek Smith (Mabon) and friends; August 28 – Light classical with Absolute Zero Viola Quartet.

There will also be children's entertainers performing two 40-minute sets, which will include balloon modelling and stilt walking.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL AUGUST 4)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	06.16	8.5	18.38	8.7
29 Fri	07.04	8.7	19.19	9.0
30 Sat	07.52	9.1	20.09	9.5
31 Sun	08.35	9.4	20.54	10.2
01 Mon	09.17	10.0	21.29	10.3
02 Tues	09.59	10.1	22.18	10.3
03 Wed	10.39	10.0	23.01	10.2
04 Thur	11.18	9.9	23.43	9.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

WOMAN (29) BRANDISHED A KNIFE IN LOCAL HOTEL

STAFF and guests in a Porthcawl hotel became alarmed and were put in fear when a woman brandished a knife.

**by AJ
SICLUNA**

"If you flout the law again, you will go to prison."

Ms Griffiths said the incident occurred in the Seaways Hotel in September last year.

Lee Morgan went there. Also present was Simmonds, whom he knew. Simmonds, said Ms Griffiths, became threatening.

At one point, she became abusive and began swearing. Suddenly, said Ms Griffiths, she produced a knife and brandished it in front of Mr Morgan.

Simmonds was then pushed onto a chair and out into the street.

Mr Morgan feared for his safety, as did others, and was very shaken up. "Many of the bar staff were also put in fear," said Ms Griffiths.

The court was told that, when arrested, Simmonds said Mr Morgan owed her £100. She claimed she brandished the knife to defend herself.

It was reported she had convictions for 35 offences, including assault, wounding with intent and causing actual bodily harm.

Marian Lewis, defending, said: "Her pleas were unequivocal, and she accepts full responsibility for what occurred. She is very sorry for what happened that day."

"This is, of course, not the first time she has appeared before the court for offences of violence."

"There is a background of emotional and mental problems and she has resorted to the use and abuse of drugs from a very young age."

Ms Lewis said that while on remand in prison, there had been a marked change in her attitude, and with support she is now motivated to rid herself of her drug habit.

The judge commented: "A life involving serious drug abuse is an unhappy life."

Wanted – elbow grease to clean subway!

**PEOPLE of
Porthcawl, your
subway needs YOU!**

The dingy John Street to Station Hill underpass is set for a floral facelift – but before it gets its massive makeover, the untidy tunnel needs a good clean from top to bottom.

So, if you're up for a challenge, bring a stiff brush, bucket and rubber gloves for the August 6 summer spruce-up!

The town's fire crews will be on hand from 10am-12noon to provide all the water for the community event.

Funding for the project is all thanks to local action group SHOUT and the Welsh Assembly's Tidy Towns' Initiative.

Chair of SHOUT, Des Rees, said: "This is an excellent first project for us to demonstrate our commitment to the local people of Porthcawl. The improvements to the subway will enhance the safety and environment, create a feature for John St and support traders."

The project is supported by the Bridgend County Borough Council's communities directorate.

Porthcawl town centre manager Rhiannon Kingsley, added: "We have approached local artists to work with local students to come up with some unique and colourful designs. We are hoping the subway will become a talking point for the future."

Artist Emma Lampert, from Pinkdiesel, the creative force behind the regeneration scheme said: "This is a wonderful community event we hope everyone gets involved with."

"I don't want to give too much away, but we want to create an urban art gallery for the people of Porthcawl. All the designs have come from students at Porthcawl Comprehensive and are absolutely stunning."

"The subway will have a total transformation and we hope everyone can join us at the communal clean up to be part of the project."

"We want to make the subway a place people want to go rather than avoid."

"So please get involved - all we need is a couple of hours and some elbow grease," she urged.

Other improvements to the walkway include landscaping at the entrances, repairing the internal lighting and improved security mirrors.

The final transformation will be unveiled with a grand opening later in the summer.

JASON LAMPART



Pupils (left to right) Ffion Stapleton and Miranda Penny, both from Cynffig Comprehensive School, Bridgend - Children's Art and Design Competition winners are pictured receiving their prizes from Royal Welsh Lady Ambassador, Gwenno Griffin and WPD's, Network services manager for Wales, Mark Shaw.

Young Bridgend artists scoop society's art prizes

ARTISTIC pupils from Cynffig Comprehensive School, Bridgend, have scooped prizes at this year's Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's annual children's art and design competition.

In the age category of 12-14 years, Miranda Penny, won second prize of £20, Georgia Thomas, won third prize of £15 and Ffion Stapleton was awarded a 'highly commended'.

Sponsored by Western Power Distribution (WPD), the competition attracted more than 500 young artists from over 30 schools from across Wales. Pupils were invited to use their skill and imagination to design a painting or drawing illustrating the impact the festive season has on farming life.

LOCAL STUDENTS GET A GLIMPSE OF OXBRIDGE



Bridgend students outside the Millennium Stadium.

NINETY students from across Bridgend county borough had the chance to learn about student life at Oxford and Cambridge at a conference in the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

More than 30 year-12 students were present to hear about the application process and courses available. Coun Alana Davies, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "This annual conference was extremely beneficial to the students as it allowed them to learn more about the application and admission processes."

"It demonstrated the importance of good GCSE and A Level grades. Furthermore, it gave them the opportunity to meet like-minded, ambitious students from different schools."

In addition, the 14-19 Network collaborated with Cardiff University in delivering an interactive medical roadshow at Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

Bryngarw to stay in BCBC ownership

BRYNGARW HOUSE, one of the borough's most well-known and popular venues, will continue to be owned and run by Bridgend County Borough Council.

It was agreed last year that competitive bids should be sought for Bryngarw House, with a view to it being managed or even acquired by the private sector, as part of a wider review of the facility and its future role as a cultural and leisure asset.

"Despite a lengthy and thorough marketing exercise, the current financial climate means the firm offers made for Bryngarw House are below its true market value," a spokesperson revealed this week.

Cabinet members have now agreed that the Grade II listed country house, which is already well-established as a wedding, training, conference and accommodation venue, should be retained in-house, but with a plan to reduce its running costs over the next two years.

The former warden's lodge at the entrance to Bryngarw Park will also be sold to raise funds to support improvements to facilities at Bryngarw House.

Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for well-being, said: "We have tested the market and have concluded we won't achieve a good price for this historic building in this economic climate. "While we have had a lot of interest, it would be wrong to sell it so far below its true value when it is such a significant and popular visitor attraction. "We do need to make some efficiency savings however, so will be looking at how we do this in-house while still protecting the quality service which Bryngarw House is known for. "We look forward to welcoming visitors to the house and its beautiful setting within Bryngarw Country Park for many years to come."

School knits blankets for local 'Dogs Trust'



ABOVE: Mrs Smith and Mrs Bromley (dinner ladies at the school), Mrs Thomas and Mrs Penticost (grandmothers), Emily Hopper (year-5) and Rhys John (year-6) along with Harry (Jael Jones, Dogs Trust Bridgend education officer's dog).

FILM stars Jennifer Aniston, Sarah Jessica Parker, Julia Roberts, and children and staff at Cwmfelinfach Primary School all have something in common – knitting!

The latter have just put down their needles after finishing a bundle of blankets for some very needy residents at Dogs Trust Bridgend.

With many of the children being dog fans, the Pen-y-Fai based rehoming centre was a popular choice to benefit from all the new stitches the children had learnt.

After many hours of casting on and casting off, the collective efforts produced 25 colourful patchwork blankets, which are already brightening the kennels for the dogs. Jael Jones, Dogs Trust Bridgend education officer, and her dog Harry visited the school to personally collect the blankets during a special celebration assembly.

Jael said: "The centres are always delighted to receive donations from the

public, but the handmade aspect involved with the blankets makes them even more special and they are adding a welcome homemade touch to the kennels.

"The children have already expressed a great interest in the dogs and have been really interested in learning about what it takes to be a responsible dog owner. Their obvious passion is so encouraging as they are the dog owners of the future."

The dog welfare charity works closely with schools around the country to educate children about the importance of responsible dog ownership. All year round, Jael conducts hundreds of workshops, be it with schools during term time, or youth groups throughout the school holidays.

Primary schools in the area can receive free Dogs Trust education workshops. For more information visit www.learnwithdogs.org.uk or contact Jael Jones, Dogs Trust Education Officer on 01656 729 379 or jael.jones@dogstrust.org.uk

Sunshine helps Porthcawl carnival go with a swing as floats embrace a musical theme

IT was carnival time in Porthcawl last Saturday (July 23) and once again the streets were packed with visitors and townsfolk who gathered to watch the carnival procession.

Afterwards, many of the onlookers headed for the carnival float at Porthcawl Rugby Club to

enjoy the carnival atmosphere.

Topping the bill this year, was a performance by a team of trapeze artists, Above and Beyond, and a team of junior gymnasts from Penybont Gym Club showed that the younger age group could vault and tumble as well!

(See page 6 for more photographs).



THE CARNIVAL FLOAT WINNERS!

Taking the prize for best float was the Ancient Briton pub, who belted out the songs from *We Will Rock You*.

In second place was the Blue Water Club in Happy Valley – one of three floats inspired by *Grease*.

First in the children's float section was Bright Beginnings Nursery, with a *Lion King* theme. Penybont Gym Club were in second place with *Grease*.

A group from Porthcawl Primary School, entitled 'Fresh Start' took first place in the walking category, with the ever-present Webb Sisters taking second place.

The Lord of Kenfig award went to the walking group from Porthcawl Amateur Operatic Society. (See page 1 picture).

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ABOVE:
This little one was tired out by the day!

BELOW:
'Hurry up!' This little angel couldn't wait for the carnival to start.



ABOVE:
All the fun of the fair!

RIGHT:
The Porthcawl Mayor, Coun Barbara Stubbs, and her husband, Bill, were part of the team judging the floats.



ABOVE:
The Bridgend Youth Theatre promoted their latest show, *The King and I*, by joining the procession. The show is on today (Thursday) and tomorrow at the Grand Pavilion.



The 'Above and Beyond' trapeze artists wowed the crowd in the carnival field.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP with AJ SICLUNA

Four years for scaffolder after £30,000 cocaine find

WHEN police officers opened the boot of a £10,000 Japanese sports car in the North Cornelly area, they found cocaine with a street value of £30,000.

At Cardiff Crown Court, the owner of the vehicle, 31-year-old self-employed scaffolder, Neil Abbott, was jailed for four years.

Abbott of Llwynn Derwen, North Cornelly, admitted possessing the drug with intent to sup-

ply. He claimed he was acting as a custodian for the drug.

Prosecutor Stephen Harnes said that Abbott stated that the drugs came from a drug dealer.

He was stopped by the police driving his Mitsubishi vehicle in North Cornelly.

In addition to finding the drugs, police found £145 cash on Abbott.

He told officers he had been addicted to cocaine, cannabis and alcohol. In his home, police found cannabis and 800 Euros, and his bank account was £4,000 in credit.

In a statement, he said he had not supplied drugs to members of the public, and was keeping it as a favour for other people, who in return, gave him a small amount of cocaine.

Abbott's counsel, Claire Wilkes, said there were no text messages on the defendant's telephone associating him with drug dealing and there were no scales at his home.

Abbott said he had been using cocaine for a year, but it had got out of hand and he would sometimes spend £500 a week.

In a good year, he said, he could earn up to £60,000, and therefore could afford his habit.

He refused to name the drug dealer, saying: "I can't give you his name, there would be reprisals and I fear for my safety and that of my family."

He added: "I was not actually dealing myself."

Benefits assessor was caught out with false claim

A BENEFITS assessor made false claims to her employer at the Department of Work and Pensions and received more than £2,500, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

Maureen Hopkin (65) of The Avenue, Pontycymmer, admitted making a dishonest representation to obtain benefit.

She was sentenced to a community order for one year involving 150 hours unpaid work.

Prosecutor Leigh Reynolds said Hopkin had been employed as a benefits assessor estimating other people's entitlements.

In October 2007, she dishonestly applied for pension credit, claiming she didn't have a private pension, and as a result she obtained pension credit to which she was not entitled, totalling

£2,589.

Mr Reynolds said she had been receiving a civil service pension, which had also involved the payment of a number of lump sums.

"She knew she was not entitled to the credit," said Mr Reynolds.

Her barrister, Hugh Wallace, said she now received £142 a week and, suffering from arthritis, she now struggles to survive.

"She is an easygoing person, a responsible person, always hard-working and a woman who would put something back into her community."

He said she was appealing the amount of the fraud.

Judge David Wynn Morgan said that the fraud had gone on for quite a time and she had claimed money from the very employer for whom she worked.

No application was made for costs against her, said to be £2,000.

PICTURED (left to right): Lynne Jones, Dogs Trust Bridgend education officer, Chelsy Geach, Keira Price, Megan Griffiths and Sara Leckie, of the Dogs Trust.



PUPIL'S POSTER WINS DOGS TRUST PRIZE IN BRIDGEND

PUPILS from Trellai Primary School, Cardiff recently visited Dogs Trust Bridgend to officially open the puppy playground and unveil a winning poster designed by 11-year-old Chelsy Geach.

Depicting how to care for a puppy,

Chelsy's poster is being displayed on a weather-proofed board in the playground, at Dogs Trust Bridgend. In particular, the puppy playground is close to headteacher, Mrs Leckie's heart as it was created with funds in memory of her late husband.

The money also helped to provide fun toys and accessories for the puppy playground, including a Wendy house, pop-up tent,

slide, sand pit and lots of soft toys.

Lynne Jones, the Dogs Trust Bridgend education officer, said: "The poster competition was a huge hit at the school with over 50 entries. Children are the dog owners of the future so it is great to see them show such an interest in learning

about responsible dog ownership and they really enjoyed learning about what a puppy needs to be happy and healthy! Puppies, children and staff had a great morning; the sun even came out to join in the celebrations!"

Following the unveiling of the board in the Puppy Playground, the

winning class were also given a tour of the Rehoming Centre.

Additional winners Kiera Price and Megan Griffiths were also presented with their prizes; a Dogs Trust Canine Gang t-shirt and baseball cap, and a large Dogs Trust toy and goodie bag respectively.

Open air art fair set for Bridgend

BRIDGEND is to host its first-ever alfresco art fair on the town's Angel Gateway Bridge on August 13 from 11am-2pm and organisers are looking for new, budding or established artists to display and sell their creations.

Art on the Bridge is part of the council's new family summer events programme.

It is one of four weekends of fun throughout August and part of BCBC's Over the Bridge Under the Skin initiative.

Organiser Charlie, from Pinkdiesel, said: "We want to fill the railings of the bridge with art from unknown, emerging, young, old and established artists. Anything goes, from traditional to urban, from graphic to photographic and from textile to abstract. We want to showcase art in the area and need artists to get involved."

"Any sales are commission-free and we'd like this to be the first of many art events."

On the day there will also be an urban art trail for the family, art classes for kids and much more.

For a free pitch at the fair, contact harlie@pinkdiesel.co.uk or ring 01656660083.

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Zumba way to get fit!

YOUNG people in the borough have been given the opportunity to try the high-energy, Latin-based exercise class Zumba - a fun way to keep fit.

Spokeswoman Joanne Delve said: "The children love it. It's something they have heard their mums talking about and gives young people a chance to try something new in their community. Even the boys get stuck in!"

The 5 x 60 initiative by Bridgend

County Borough Council's Active Young People's department exists to get children active by thinking differently about exercise and promotes the message that you should aim to be active on five days of the week for at least one hour.

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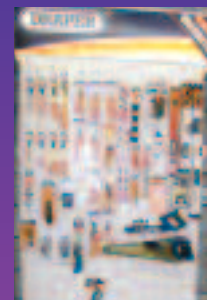
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Store's boost for a community garden



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ALAN PEARSON, the chairman of Maesteg Community Garden Projects (MCGP) and local councillor Keith Edwards, were delighted to receive a cheque for £100 from store manager James Stuckey and community champion Nessa Harris, of the Asda Store in Maesteg.

MCGP is a small group of volunteers dedicated to

improving the environment around their homes in Maesteg.

They work, together with other groups, and children from the area to plant bulbs and shrubs, litter pick, and generally tidy up where work needs to be done.

Asda very kindly nominated them for a community grant and it will be put to good use buying more bulbs, plants and tools.

IT'S CARNIVAL DAY IN PORTHCAWL AND EVERYONE IS OUT TO ENJOY THE DAY!



The Ancient Britons' float was devoted to the Queen juke-box musical 'We Will Rock You'.



ABOVE:
The judges reviewed the procession as it passed Griffin Park.



RIGHT:
Another Grease-inspired float.

IT was carnival day in Porthcawl and there were a large number of organisations out in support, including the Coastguard (above).

Gwynneth Poacher of the Sandville (pictured right with staff from Beale's Fish Restaurant) walked the whole route with her collection bucket, with official carnival collectors (below) also asking for donations.

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Walkers from the Porthcawl Fairtrade group.



Arthur Beale and Dave Jones, were looking for their mammy!



JPs GATHER TO MARK 650TH ANNIVERSARY

The group line up for an official photograph at the special celebration in Bridgend marking JPs' 650th anniversary.



LOCAL magistrates, councillors, police and council officers have gathered to mark the 650th anniversary of the office of the Justice of the Peace.

The group was invited to a special event in the chamber of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to hear a presentation on the historic JP office, which dates back to 1361 and the reign of King Edward III.

BCBC Leader Coun Mel Nott, who has been a local magistrate for 22 years, said: "Although the system of administering justice has evolved over the last 650 years, the principles on which it was founded remain; we are each committed to creating a fairer, safer and more just society in which people can live and work."

"I have been a magistrate for more than 20 years and I still regard it as a great honour to

serve the community of Bridgend in this way. Each day we share the experiences of both victims and perpetrators, and no two cases are ever the same.

"There is always a human story behind each case and I am frequently moved by the circumstances which have brought people before us."

He added: "I also see the great partnership role offered by councils such as Bridgend to that of the magistrate. Many aspects of BCBC's own preventative work, such as that we undertake with families, in our community safety partnership, in our public protection department and in our Youth Offending Service, all complement the work of the justice system."

"I'd like to thank all my fellow magistrates and our important partners in the council, in the police and in the community for the work they do."

Maesteg man guilty of Pyle pub assault

A LANDSCAPE gardener has been convicted at the Cardiff Crown Court of carrying out an attack on a man in a pub at Pyle.

The victim, Hugh Beatty, ended up in Morriston Hospital, where he was operated upon for a fractured right eye socket, which required the insertion of a metal plate.

Daryl Williams (28) of Ael-y-Bryn, Maesteg, was found guilty of a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Sentence was

by AJ SICLUNA

adjourned until next month and he was remanded on bail.

Prosecutor Jane Rowley said that on Saturday, July 24, of last year, Mr Beatty and his wife went to the Old Wine House pub in Pyle.

The landlord invited the couple to join him.

Williams and his girlfriend arrived, sat at the table alongside, and began arguing.

The court was told that the girlfriend began swearing and was told to stop, but she didn't.

Williams himself tried to calm her down. Mr Beatty went to the lavatory and saw the defendant in a corridor.

Williams said to him: "Don't ever speak to my girlfriend like that again," grabbed him by the throat and punched him twice to the right side of his face.

"He was dazed and in considerable pain," said Ms Rowley.

Williams and his girlfriend were then ejected.

Williams, who denied the charge, claimed Mr Beatty headbutted him and he punched him in the face in self-defence.

Regional AM 'shocked' at state of former Revlon site

RIGHT: Regional AM Byron Davies is pictured at the Revlon site.

THE Shadow minister for regeneration at the Assembly is supporting attempts by Maesteg residents to get the former Revlon factory site cleared.

The site was partially demolished by contractors more than a year ago and since then, BCBC and the Health and Safety Executive have been monitoring the situation.

Byron Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM for south Wales west, visited the site this week and was "shocked" at the state it has been left in.

"It is appalling that people living around the site have to put up with what is a dreadful eyesore," he said. "More worryingly, I understand that work was halted because asbestos was found on site."

"The owners are liable to clear up this mess, but I feel that more pressure should be brought to bear to ensure that the demolition is completed and the whole site cleared."

Mr Davies said he would be backing residents who are holding a protest rally at the site today (Thursday) at 12.30pm.

"I can understand why people have been driven to the end of their tether."

"I have already written to the Health and Safety Executive asking them what they are doing and I am still awaiting a reply almost eight weeks later."

"We are currently

chasing them for an answer."

The site adjoins the former Cooper Standard factory site which has been bought by BCBC and completely cleared with money from the Western Valleys Regeneration Strategy.

Mr Davies went on: "This entire site, including Revlon, is designated for employment purposes."

"I gather that BCBC intends to develop industrial units on its part of the land, but I would say that there's little prospect of attracting employers to this area while we have what looks like a bomb-site next door."

"The realistic chances of creating new jobs here are zero until the Revlon end is cleared as well. Then we would have a large site that could be developed in tandem to create much needed jobs in the Llynfi Valley."

"I will be asking questions of the minister at the Assembly about the situation."

"Public money was used to purchase and clear the Cooper Standard site and at the moment, it looks like it has gone down the drain, unless something can be done to get the owners to clear it."

Mr Davies is also to contact BCBC on the options of them carrying out the work, on the grounds that the site is in a dangerous condition. The cost could then be recharged to the owners.

FOOTNOTE: The GEM understands that the site is no longer owned by Revlon.



HOUSE IS BURGLED

POLICE in Bridgend are investigating after burglars struck at a house in the Waunscil Avenue area between 10.15am on Friday, July 15 and 6.15pm on Monday, July 18.

The front door of the premises was forced, in order to gain entry, and possessions removed included a Sky receiver box and remote control,

along with a Compaq computer system with screen, tower and keyboard.

Officers are also investigating a burglary to a nearby shed between July 12-17 when a 'Dewalt' power drill was stolen.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Bridgend CID on 01656 679518, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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The new 'subsidy criteria' for bus routes in borough

NEW guidelines for deciding how the authority provides subsidised support for bus routes in future have been approved by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

"The guidelines have had to be developed following a reduction in the amount of grant funding available from the Welsh Government and subsequent efficiency savings in the council's budget for 2011-2012", a spokeswoman revealed.

A re-tendering process was under way for next year's supported bus service contracts, but it is highly likely that the cost of providing subsidised services will rise following increases in fuel costs.

As well as taking into account issues such as the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation, Car Ownership Index and the cost and number of passengers per journey, the new guidelines would also consider reasons why people use a particular subsidised bus service and what other alternative

ways of travelling are available within local communities.

Coun Phil White, cabinet member for communities, commented: "In a perfect world, commercial bus services would be so well-used that the council would not need to provide any subsidy at all."

"Sadly, this is not the case, and the simple truth is that we are faced with a situation where we have less money to spend on subsidising bus routes for the coming year - a shortfall of almost £113,000 - so we are taking a closer look at how services are provided in future."

"New criteria has been drawn up which will consider all subsidised bus routes and allow us to spend the money where it is most needed throughout the county borough."

"This has obviously not been an easy decision to make, but residents can be assured that we will be seeking to protect the most essential routes which benefit the largest number of people."



DŴR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG – NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO ADOPT PRIVATE SEWERS AND LATERAL DRAINS

Dŵr Cymru Cyfyngedig ("Dŵr Cymru") gives notice under Sections 102 and 105A of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") that in accordance with a scheme or schemes made by the Welsh Ministers under the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011 ("the Transfer Regulations"):

- On 1 October 2011:
 - any private sewer (excluding pumping stations and highway drains or sewers) situated within Dŵr Cymru's sewerage area and which, immediately before 1 July 2011, communicates with a public sewer; and
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- are situated on or under Crown land and Dŵr Cymru has received notice in writing before 1 July 2011 from the appropriate authority that the private sewer or private lateral drain should be exempt.

Any owner of a private sewer, private lateral drain or pumping station or any other person affected by the proposal to adopt a private sewer, private lateral drain or pumping station, or the failure to do so, may appeal to the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) within 2 months of service or publication of this notice, whichever is the later. The grounds on which you can appeal are set out in Section 105B(3) of the Act. Ofwat can be contacted at Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UA or by email to: appealstransfer@ofwat.gsi.gov.uk

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Richard Curtis, Company Secretary.

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Cor Bro Ogwr sing out in All Saints Church

COR BRO OGWR recently sang at All Saints Church, Porthcawl.

The first half of the performance was under the baton of the choir's original conductor, Alun John, and for the second half – a performance of Karl Jenkins' *Stabat Mater* – the present conductor, Edward Rhys Harry, took over.

The soloists were: Susanna Heard (soprano); Leah Blakemore (contralto); Richard Allen (tenor) and John Sadler (baritone).



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Regional AM calls for action on qualifications 'scandal'

WELSH Lib Dem regional AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, has called for action, after a survey carried out by the University and College Union showed that more than one in every seven adults of working age in Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea do not have a qualification.

The analysis, from UCU, reveals 'two Britains, divided between the educational haves and have nots.

It ranks the 632 parliamentary constituencies in Wales, England

and Scotland according to the percentage of working age people (16-64) who have no qualifications, he said.

"A total of 252,200 or 13.3 per cent of adults in Wales do not hold any qualification, more than the 11.3 per cent which is the UK average.

Only Northern Ireland (20.4 per cent) has a worse record than Wales. However, when the results are analysed by Welsh region, the south Wales west Assembly seat has 48,300 or 14.63 per cent unqualified adults, above the Welsh average.

The three poorest performing constituencies are Aberavon on 17.9 per cent, Ogmore on 16.8

per cent and Swansea East on 20.6 per cent. Neath is also worse than the Welsh average with 13.8 per cent.

"The only way that our region is going to grow economically is if we have a skilled and enthusiastic workforce that is attractive to investors from elsewhere and to local entrepreneurs alike.

"This survey, carried out by lecturers' trade union UCU, shows how far we have to travel," Mr Black added.

"What is needed now is action to put the situation right in our region and across Wales as a matter of urgency."

Local widow warns about the danger of mesothelioma

A woman, whose husband died of an asbestos-related illness, is anxious to publicise awareness of it.

Although, mesothelioma is a little known disease, it has devastating consequences for both victims and carers, and Mrs Myrtle Lawrence, who lost her husband Larry to it earlier this year, told The GEM she wanted people to understand the symptoms and how it could affect people.

Larry, who served in the RAF for 32 years and lectured at Barry College for 10 years, died on March 31 at the age of 76. Over the years, he was a keen sportsman, active in the local community and attended Porthkerry Methodist Church and Windsor Road Reformed Church.

Mrs Lawrence, of Barry, said: "He was a very healthy man. The only time he had been in hospital was when he had been hit by a cricket ball.

"He had his first symptom in April 2010 when he attended a din-

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

ner for Barry Wanderers Cricket Club at Mount Sorrel. He became breathless, but thought it was due to the fact that he was wearing a heavy winter coat.

"Larry was diagnosed with mesothelioma in August 2010. It is an aggressive cancer - quite horrendous.

"He was a wonderful man. We had two sons, Duncan and Dwight, and three grandsons Morgan, Blake and Wesley.

"This December would have been our 50th wedding anniversary."

In his memory, Mrs Lawrence and the family have raised £1,450 for Mesothelioma UK.

Mrs Lawrence explained: "The experience I had as a carer of a person affected by this asbestos-related disease has led me to want to raise awareness of it.

"The disease affects the mesothelium, a thin membrane that lines the inner surface of the chest where it is known as the 'pleura', the abdomen where it is

known as the 'peritoneum', and the heart where it is known as the 'pericardium'. Very occasionally, it can affect the testicles.

"Asbestos dust or airborne fibres can cause harm when inhaled or ingested. They can reach the smallest area of the lung, where they cannot be breathed out or coughed up.

"It causes individuals to experience shortness of breath, loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue and lethargy."

Mrs Lawrence pointed out that people in certain professions are more likely to have been exposed to asbestos than others - teachers, nurses, factory workers, mechanics, dock workers, construction workers, plumbers, gas fitters, painters and decorators, welders, and laboratory and research workers.

In the United Kingdom, 2,400 people a year die of the disease.

Mrs Lawrence pointed out that the 'latency period', the length of time it takes for symp-

oms to appear, is generally around 15 to 45 years.

She said that hospitals, hospices and nursing services have a huge role in supporting people at the most difficult time in their lives.

She emphasised: "That support network for victims and carers is very important in helping people when they are at their most helpless.

"It can provide the necessary information which will prepare them for what will happen in the future."

The majority of people who have been in contact with asbestos dust do not suffer ill health as a result.

However, if a person believes they may have been exposed to risk and has symptoms, they should contact their GP.

"If somebody is diagnosed early, it gives them and any carers time to prepare for any changes they will face," Mrs Lawrence added.

More information is available from Mesothelioma UK on 0800 169 2409; www.mesothelioma.uk.co.uk.

New learning disability centres set for success

TWO new centres supporting adults with a learning disability have been opened in Bridgend county borough.

Pyle/Porthcawl Adult Support Centre, based in Pyle Life Centre, and the Sarn Adult Support Centre, based in Sarn Community Centre, offer day services for 67 people.

Developed by Bridgend County Council (BCBC), the new facilities have been created so that those using them can use services within or close to their own communities. They follow the success of similar centres in Maesteg and Bridgend.

A BCBC spokeswoman explained that the new centres offer adults with learning disabilities the chance to socialise, swim, to garden, shop and visit the cinema locally, as well as use the facilities based in the centres such as the library and exercise classes.

Both were officially opened by BCBC Leader Coun Mel Nott, who also had a helping hand from

service users. Paul Farmer was invited to cut the ceremonial ribbon in the new Pyle/Porthcawl facility, while Jeff Jones was on hand to do the same in Sarn.

Coun Nott said: "These centres are more than just buildings. Their success is down to those using them and the staff who work in them, which is why I asked the service users to help me with the opening ceremonies. Both Paul and Jeff did a terrific job.

"We've created these new centres because as a council we really want to provide services which are local and more accessible. We understand that our service users benefit most when they can enjoy greater engagement within their own community and this is certainly true of our two new centres.

"The enjoyment of the adults using them and the value they take from the experience is evident.

"I'd like to say a personal thank you to the service users and their families and friends who, along with the staff, make our adult support centres such happy, enjoyable and fulfilling places to visit."



Coun Mel Nott with service user Jeff Jones (Sarn).



Couns Mel Nott and Huw David with service user Paul Farmer (Pyle).

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Summer in the leisure centres

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A range of dance-flavoured activities for children will be on offer throughout the school holidays.

Street dance and cheerleading sessions will both be held most weeks in Barry.

Cowbridge, Penarth and Llantwit Major, while interactive dance mat classes will really get kids moving at Barry Leisure Centre.

Other activities during the holidays include football, dodgeball, fun days and soft play. Under-16s can also swim for free at specific times during the holidays, or take their pick from a number of free pool-based activities including snorkelling, water polo and a rookie life-guard course.

Youngsters can also improve their swimming at a series of swimming lesson crash courses.

For full details, you can download an activity programme from www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/leisurecentres, pick up a copy from the leisure centres, or call 01446 403000.

Open gardens

THERE are four distinctive gardens opening in Barry on Saturday, July 30 for

the National Gardens Scheme from 2pm-6pm. Admission to gardens is £5.

No 47 Aneurin Road is a stunning small front garden packed with annual and perennial plants mostly grown in 600 containers.

There is a pet's corner, with plants named after animals. Dave Bryant enters the Barry In Bloom competition every year.

No 11 Arno Road has been opening for nearly 20 years and was shown on ITV's 'A Little Piece of Paradise' last year.

It is a small garden packed with shrubs, perennials and alpine, there are two ponds, a rock garden, a fernery and an acid bed, which shows what can be achieved in a small area.

No 1 North Walk has a more formal front garden with a retro heather and conifer bed, alpine bed and a

large pergola with roses, clematis and wisteria.

At the side of the house is a small courtyard with shade loving plants in troughs and a succulent house. The back garden has a wild life pond and cottage style planting with quirky touches throughout.

No 104 Pontypridd Road is opening for the first time and has a long back garden with many seating areas; a vegetable plot, and ponds.

Teas will be available at Arno Road and Pontypridd Road.

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale of Glamorgan Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery at Cowbridge Town Hall from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday (July 30). No appointment is necessary.

Club quiz

BARRY TOWN FC hosts a general quiz night, open to all, on Saturday (July 30) at 7.30pm in the club. Teams of four to six welcome, entry £1.

Beach clean-up

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will hold its next beach clean on Sunday (July 31) on the Knap beach at 3pm and is calling for volunteers.

Last month's litter pick at Whitmore Bay saw 18 volunteers working in sweltering conditions to remove fishing line, plastic bottles, drinks cans, nylon rope and glass from the beach and headland.

PCSO coffee

THE next PCSO coffee morning for the Newton area is on August 1 from 10am-11am at Newton Institute, on Newton Cottage Road, Porthcawl. Everyone welcome.

Summer show

THE Changing Scene Dance Company is busy with last-minute rehearsals for its summer show *Fun House*, Barry Arts Centre, Winston Road, Barry from August 4 at 7pm. Evening performance on August 5-6; a matinee on Saturday, August 6 at 2.30pm. Tickets on 02920 633217 or 01446 739702.

Cars 2 lacks horsepower!

FOR a powerhouse studio like Pixar, whose every film release is hailed as the finest example of animation yet, the middling critical reception afforded *Cars 2* was something of a surprise.

The black sheep of the studio, it seemed unlikely that we would be following the characters on their adventures in the same way we have Woody and Buzz; however, five years after that film, *Cars 2* now finds itself on the big screen.

This time around, Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) takes Mater (Larry The Cable Guy) around the world with him as he competes in a global grand prix event.

However, when Mater is mistaken as an operative with sensitive information by British agent Finn McMissile (Michael Caine), he finds himself caught in a whole new world of espionage...

Despite its less than prestigious standing within Pixar, *Cars* was a film that likely warranted a second outing when taken in the context of the money it would have made from lunchboxes, figures and such.

It appears that is why *Cars 2* rolled off the assembly line, as while it is a baby of studio head honcho John Lasseter, the finished product is inoffensive but far below the standards one expects from Pixar.

One thing it does have in common with the best of the studio's output, is that it looks absolutely gorgeous, this car-centric world wonderfully realised and dripping with clever nods and references and the use of 3D only amplifies this.

With Lasseter on co-direction duties with Brad Lewis, scope is aimed for but, sadly, with a story that is predictable and unengaging, there is little else they can do but concentrate on blinding us with their visual skills.

The script neatly riffs on the world of James Bond with its global espionage high-jinks, but while it may satisfy younger audiences, there is very little for the adult portion of the crowd to latch onto, the usual trick of managing to appeal across the board lacking here.

Also, while amusing in fits and starts, the character of Mater is far too annoying and simplistic to lead the film, with Larry The Cable Guy's delivery soon

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

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grating.

With an ill-suited lead character, the rest of the film falls away. McQueen sidelined (as is Owen Wilson's laconic delivery) and Michael Caine sounding ever so slightly disinterested as the suave McMissile. Only John Turturro, hamming it up as Italian racing car Francesco, and Emily Mortimer's Holly Shiftwell are of any note.

Coming off the back of the first film, you would hardly be expecting a massive change in direction, particularly given Lasseter's hands-on approach here, and though the storyline at least moves it into a different genre from the fish-out-of-water of the first film, there is still not enough on display to really resonate.

While Pixar can make cooking rats and dream monsters hugely palatable, they seem to have difficulties with our four-wheeled friends – the end result being that *Cars 2* is neither the Lamborghini or the Skoda of the animation world, rather the Ford Fiesta; functional, pleasing yet lacking in style or flair.

VERDICT: A misstep for the usually flawless Pixar, *Cars 2* drives well enough, but never really hits top gear. Looking beautiful, and using 3D as it should be used, you can't argue with the glossy visuals, but a poor story, and a dull vocal cast, mean this vehicle just about passes its MoT.

Average.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Cars*, *Toy Story*, *Monsters Inc.*

Llantwit woman in new role at city hotel

A Barry woman has been appointed as the new sales and marketing manager at the Park Inn in Cardiff city centre.

The hotel said that Jo Eveleigh brought more than 15 years of sales experience within the

international recruitment and events market to the role.

Commenting on her appointment, Jo told The GEM: "I am so excited to have been appointed to the position by the Rezidor Hotel Group and I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead."



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£5 million medical negligence award for Pontyclun family

THE family of a South Wales girl left with severe brain damage following a serious medical error during her birth have spoken of their relief, after funding was secured that guarantees her a lifetime of around-the-clock care.

Law firm Irwin

Mitchell represented the family of Sophie Clarke at an approval hearing at Cardiff District Registry, where it was agreed that the 12-year-old will receive damages equivalent to almost £5 million over her lifetime to ensure she can have as normal a life as possible, in spite of her condition.

Suzanne Munroe, a medical law and patients' rights specialist from the firm's Sheffield office, said: "It's great

news that the Clarke family, from Pontyclun, now have access to the funding which will ensure Sophie gets the best possible care and rehabilitation throughout her life.

"I hope all of the family can now look forward to a brighter future together."

Sophie was the victim of a catalogue of mistakes at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, before she was born.

Staff failed to recognise that a CTG Trace showed gross abnormality of her heart rate, which meant she should have been delivered earlier, but they did not intervene and let the birth progress naturally.

"The decision proved costly, as oxygen starvation caused Sophie's cerebral palsy.

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board has agreed to pay damages over the incident after accepting she should have been delivered earlier.

However the Health Board maintained that it was not to blame for causing Sophie's injuries which, according to the Health Board, had already occurred by the time Sophie should have been born.

Commenting on the outcome, Lynne Clarke, from Pontyclun, said: "It has been an incredibly hard few years for the family, but to know that our daughter will always be looked after is a huge relief for us all.

"While no amount of money will repair the damage done, we now have a chance to move on with our lives and focus all of our energies on Sophie, ensuring that she gets as much out of life as possible."

Suzanne added: "The brain injuries suffered by Sophie mean that she is entirely immobile, will be wheelchair-dependent for life and has to be fed through a gastro tube.

"The extent and com-

plexity of the problems faced by Sophie mean the funding which has been secured will ensure she can access 24-hour care, and rehabilitation and therapy services that will prove invaluable throughout her day-to-day life.

"It also means that her family can guarantee she has accommodation adapted to meet her everyday needs.

"However, while the settlement is welcome news it is important that the compensation Sophie will now receive from the Trust is not seen as a lottery win.

"The funds will be carefully managed by Irwin Mitchell's Court of Protection team to ensure Sophie has access to care she will need for the rest of her life."

A spokeswoman for Abertawe Bro

Morgannwg University Health Board said: "We would like to reiterate our sincere apologies to Sophie and her family for the failures in 1998 by the then Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust when managing Mrs Clark's labour at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

"The safety of our patients and the quality of the service we provide is very important. Since 1998, systems, equipment, training and ways of working have significantly changed.

"There are also robust audit arrangements in place to minimise the risk of such events recurring.

"While no amount of money can restore Sophie's health, we hope it will at least help to provide for her future care and support."

MOBILITY AIDS

AGE CONCERN is holding a free public session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, today (July 28) from 10am-12pm.

Representatives from 'Easylife' will discuss recliner chairs/showers and other mobility products and offer advice.

RNLI teamwork sees stricken fishing boat safely back home



LEFT: Porthcawl RNLI practicing their fast start on a previous occasion.

(Photo by Malcolm Nugent)

IT was a question of teamwork yesterday (Wednesday, July 27) when the RNLI crews at Porthcawl and Barry worked together to save a boat which had been holed below the waterline after an engine blew up.

The drama started when Swansea coastguard received a Mayday call from a 26-foot fishing vessel taking in water off Nash Sands.

Porthcawl RNLI's Atlantic 85 'Rose of the

by PHILIP IRWIN

Shires' was launched at 8.38am to help, because the boat was in immediate danger of sinking, after an engine failure which had blown a hole through the hull.

RNLI spokesperson, Ian Stroud said: "Our crew had a pump on board and were on scene in less than 10 minutes from launch and quickly got the pump onboard. All four people on board were safe and well.

"Once the ingress of water was reduced and the flooding brought under control, the fish-

ing vessel was taken in tow heading back towards Cardiff Bay.

"Barry Dock RNLI all-weather lifeboat was launched just after 9am to take over the tow east of Nash Point. Barry took three of the fishermen on board the lifeboat and continued the tow to Cardiff".

Porthcawl Lifeboat operations manager, Philip Missen MBE said: "Fortunately, the weather this morning was very good and the sea was calm, otherwise the situation the fishermen found themselves in could have been far more dangerous."

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number.

● The rollover, which now stands at £1,500, was not won this week.

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Tiffin Rasoi an example of 'home dining' market

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In years gone by, the idea of a takeaway was either fish and chips or a basic curry, with nothing

wildly exciting.

However, Tiffin Rasoi at 37 Holton Road, Barry aims to give you an authentic Indian dining experience at home.

The range of starters and main courses on offer is vast, and they use natural ingredients which are all freshly prepared.

My wife had returned from a long business trip one evening and it seemed the ideal time to try Tiffin Rasoi.

Starters range from £1.75 to £5.50 and there's a huge choice, such as chilli paneer, kolkata wraps and sheek kebab. My wife plumped

for the mixed tandoori which was a delicious assortment of sheek kebab, chicken and lamb tikka marinated in herbs and spices and cooked in the tandoor.

She really enjoyed the variety: the meat was succulent and full of flavour.

I opted for the tiffin platter, a chef's special, which was an assortment of appetisers - chicken pakora, sheek kebab, onion bhaji and samosas. It was a fine assortment of flavours and spices, and an ideal start prior to the main course.

For that main course, my wife decided to have murg masala, which is chicken tikka cooked with minced lamb in a rich sauce, garnished with egg and coriander, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

As I'm a lover of seafood, I opted for the meen moily, marinated and grilled king prawns in a rich coconut sauce spiced with chilli.

The prawns were cooked to perfection and the sauce really tingled the taste buds.

My wife's course was £6.50, mine was £8.50. The main courses range from £3.95 for a vegetable curry to £8.95 for the more exotic dishes.

To accompany the curry, we had a selection of rice and side dishes of tarka daal (lentils and garlic, a favourite of my wife) khumb palak (mushrooms and spinach) along with papadoms, and home made raitha with a coconut chutney. The side dishes and extras only came to an extra £6.75 - well worth what they added to the main dishes.

Tiffin Rasoi also do a great range of healthy drinks such as freshly squeezed orange juice, healthy shakes made with 98 per cent fat free yoghurt and fruit smoothies. The smoothies are £2.50 each.

In total, the meal, a veritable feast, cost around £30; however, something less extravagant such as two main courses, a plain rice and pulao rice and a couple of papadoms, would come out at £15.75.

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'DRIVING TESTS' TO RETURN TO BARRY



Jane Hutt AM and Vale driving instructors hope the pilot scheme will see tests being taken in the town on a permanent basis.

A 17-month campaign by the Vale Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, and local driving instructors to have tests available for learners in the Vale has borne fruit.

The Barry Driving Test Centre closed in 2010 to the frustration of instructors and drivers who were forced to go into Cardiff, leading to a longer waiting times and loss of business.

Over the past two years, the Vale's Assembly Member and driving instructors have pressed the Driving Standards Agency and the Minister for conces-

sions over the decision to take away tests from the town.

Now Barry has been chosen for a pilot scheme which will provide driving tests from venues such as local authority buildings or leisure centres.

Ms Hutt said: "This is excellent news for Barry. I have been monitoring the impact of the closure of the Barry Driving Test Centre with driving instructors and learners."

"With evidence of loss of business and higher costs, this news will be widely welcomed. We must make sure this pilot turns into a long term arrangement."

Shock as cruise company folds

ONE of south Wales' best-known travel companies ceased trading earlier this month, shocking thousands of customers who had booked cruises.

Paul Boyle, the head of national practice at Harrison's, was appointed administrator to Gill's Cruise Centre.

He was reported as saying that the company's expansion plans had been over-ambitious.

Gill's, established in 1957, was the third-largest player in the UK

cruise market, employing more than 200 staff in Cardiff and London.

The crisis started earlier this month when Gill's was ejected from ABTA, the travel association.

It has been extensively reported that all existing bookings made by Gill's Cruise Centre would be honoured.

Cruise companies are contacting customers to explain the situation, with those due to travel soonest at the head of the queue.

Multi-mix recycling

IF Christopher Ware of Barry does not want to recycle, as evidenced by his bulging black bags (The GEM, July 21), has he not considered rinsing the food particles off the tins and plastic trays - before putting them in his landfill bags?

This is also recommended by the Vale Council for recycled waste, to keep it from creating a health problem and also cut out smells.

From the Vale road-show on recycling recently, I understand that they are considering 'multi-mix' recycling.

Whilst I did not get the full details of what this involved, surely it is more efficient for the 152,000 households in the area to sort into glass, plastic, tin etc to be collected in the specially-designed recycling lorries, than to employ extra staff to do it, or to slow up the collection process by having it sorted at the kerbside.

After all, it only takes seconds longer for a householder to separate the items when putting out your rubbish than by putting it all in the black bag.

Alan Roberts, Penarth.

(See more letters on this hot topic on pages 2, 13 and 19)

HISTORY STUDIES ALIVE AND WELL!

AS chairman of the Llantwit Major Local History Society, may I congratulate Llanilltud Fawr Primary School on winning an award in the prestigious Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative competition.

This is the third year running that a school in Llantwit Major has won an award – Eagleswell Primary School having won in 2009, with a project entitled the Postmaster's War, and again in 2010 for a study of life in The

Ham. It shows that the study of history is very much alive in our local primary schools and is being taught in an exciting and innovative way.

It augurs well, for these young people will be the inheritors of a rich and diverse heritage which is to be found in the Vale of Glamorgan.

It is to be hoped that other schools in the area will be prompted to consider entering this competition in the coming years – and to explore the wonderful history that is to be found on their doorsteps.

Nigel Williams
(Chairman, Llantwit Major Local History Society)

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to be remembered with pride. Would that all politicians were of his calibre.

It is to be hoped that our children are taught about Sir Raymond Gower, because he certainly was a towering figure.

He was returned time and again, because the electorate voted for the man, and not a political party.

We shall never see his like again.

Mr C Yeomans, Barry

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

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Road access problems and council finances

IREFER to the report in The Glamorgan GEM last week, concerning housing issues at Leigh Close, Boverton.

Your report shows a photograph of Alun Cairns MP and two Llantwit Major town councillors with residents, showing their disgust that the Vale Council have failed to resolve their problems.

I only wish that the residents had spoken to a Vale of Glamorgan councillor to discuss issues which can only be addressed by a Vale councillor.

All those present in the photograph can do nothing for the residents, as they are not Vale of Glamorgan councillors – whilst a Vale councillor can take the complaint

direct to the housing department.

Unfortunately, the residents of Leigh Close are suffering the same problem as those residents at Trebeferad – the narrow roads simply cannot accommodate the number of vehicles owned these days and the service vehicles cannot gain access.

It is a huge problem and the housing department does not have the money to resolve the issue.

If the council tenants had decided to support handing over the council stock to a private housing association, it would have released £5.6 million to be spent on environmental projects within housing.

This would have meant that all access issues could have been resolved by either

widening the roads, or making more parking areas available – which would then have given access to all service and emergency vehicles.

I respect the decision of the residents, as they have to be absolutely sure that the decision to hand over the stock was right for them.

I have taken up these issues with the Head of Housing on a number of occasions.

The answer I have is that all money must be spent on improving the condition of council housing stock, and there is no money

available to spend on the environment.

I can assure all residents living at Trebeferad and Leigh Close, that I shall continue to press the Head of Housing to address these problems, as I am fully aware of the problems which arise, especially with emergency vehicles.

If any resident wishes to speak with me, I will be pleased to meet them.

Coun Gwyn John
(Llantwit First Independents)

'Wash out used food containers'

WITH reference to the letter from Christopher Ware, I cannot comment as to whether CS Parish is ignorant or naive – but he is certainly not customer-friendly.

I can offer no help to Mr Ware concerning cat litter, but perhaps if he washed used food containers, as we do, it would help to alleviate the smelly food container problem.

Rhodri Williams, Llantwit Major

Diabetes: free advice

WE are a registered charity and our latest free newsletters, for people using insulin and for people with Type 2 diabetes on diet and tablets, aim to give them information and support so that they can get the most out of appointments with healthcare professionals.

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many of us don't understand, so it is important that we have this information if we are to make sure that we receive the high quality care and treatment that we have been promised and to which we are entitled.

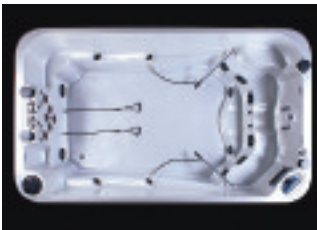
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Teachers retire
OGMORE Vale primary school teachers Mrs Thomas (nursery) and Mr Cole (years 3/4) are wished a long, healthy and happy retirement, having stepped down at the end of term.

Acting head, Mrs Morgan, has been informed that Mr Paul Booth the headteacher has had his secondment to the Welsh Government extended until the end of March 2012.

Choir's dates
OGMORE Valley male voice choir has held a concert at Heol-y-Cyw primary school to promote centenary celebrations.

The choir will lead the singing at Hannah

Howe's forthcoming wedding in St Mary's church, Coity, on Friday, July 29.

On Saturday, July 30, the choir will give a short concert at Sarn community centre at 1.45pm.

Musical director Eira Paskin is upholding the valley's community spirit by taking the choir back to her birthplace, for the Aber/Blaiwgwynfi fun day on the same day.

The event is being held in the public park, and a number of local artists will be performing outdoors, with a variety of stalls selling goodies, games and refreshments. The choir will be leading the community singing from 3.15pm.

It has performed wonders by purchasing and renovating the old Bethlehem chapel. Renamed the Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, it is now a wonderful auditorium for the choir to produce concerts and rehearse in, which it does on Thursday evenings.

Horeb chapel
YOUNG children aged 5-13 were invited between July 25-27 to Horeb Baptist Chapel, Nantymoel, where they played games.

They were told stories and joined in competitions. On Sunday, July 31, there is a parent night service at 6pm. For more details, call Pastor Bluto on 01443 675424.

Nature reserve
AT the South and West

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Wales Wildlife Trust's nature reserve visitor centre in Parc Slip, Tondur, members are holding events for children on Wednesdays throughout the summer term holidays - August 3 - Get Gardening, August 10 - Art Attack, August 17 - Treasure Hunt, all from 10am-12pm (£2 per child).

The Trust is seeking volunteers for administration duties and to assist at reserves located throughout south Wales.

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ABERKENFIG and District WI president

Euinice Williams, opened the meeting on

July 13 and happy birthday was sung to

Irene, Maureen and

Dilys; also to August birthday girls Betty, Kitty and Dorothy Kingston.

The speaker, Alan Underhill, explored the history of department stores, having worked in large department stores both in Cardiff and London.

Apparently, underneath some London stores there were secret

passages where, during the Second World War, Prime Minister Winston Churchill held meetings because he was sure of not being overheard!

The raffle was won by Maureen and Marjorie won the competition for an item beginning with the letter 'N'.

Euinice thanked the tea hostesses Marian Edwards and Peggy Jones.

The next meeting is on September 14 and the speaker will be John Williams, whose subject is Porthcawl Lifeboat Station.

There will be a sales table and the competition will be for an item beginning with the letter 'F'.

Also in September is the federation quiz at

the Hi Tide in Porthcawl and in October there is the autumn council meeting.

Members of Aberkenfig WI had a trip to the Gower and flower festival on July 15 as part of 30th anniversary year celebrations.

After a meal at Rhossili, they drove to Bishopston for the flower festival in the small local church. The flowers were in beautiful arrangements following the Heritage theme.

New members and visitors are welcomed at Aberkenfig WI. More information can be obtained from

www.cobwebs.co.uk or the secretary Pat Lewis on 01656 721933.

Bridgend CBC schools junior choir competition



Bridgend CBC schools junior choir competition

TWO newly-formed choirs - Bois Goetre-Hen a'r Cylch male voice choir (secretary Richard Howells), and Noteworthy mixed voice choir (under musical director Ryan Wood), combined to organise an inaugural event in Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg, Llangynwyd on July 11.

They had approached a company, Dymac Electrical Limited, in Maesteg to see if it would be interested in providing sponsorship for the competition, initially for two years.

They contacted 56 primary/junior schools in the Bridgend CBC area, and 19 responded.

To determine the schools that would be in the finals of the competition, each submitted a CD of its programme. From these, six finalists were chosen.

Competition chairperson Lisa Howells introduced dignitaries, including the retiring Mayor of Bridgend CBC, Coun Colin Teesdale, Mayor of Maesteg, Coun G Howells, Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Alana Davies and Coun Mari Jones.



The adjudicators Patricia O'Neill, Jeffrey Howard and Beverley Humphreys.

part was Caerau primary under its musical director Mrs Ruth Whelan, with accompanist Mrs Patricia Lewis. Its rendition of 'The Rose' to Julie Knowles' arrangement and Amanda McBroom's music brought a lump to one's throat. When the choir left the stage, one would have thought the contest was over, how wrong one can be!

The second choir was Llangynwyd junior school, with musical director Mrs Sue Davies and accompanist Mr Darryl Evans. The choir's version of Karl Jenkins' *Adiemus* with two pupils playing drums, added a fresh air to the piece.

Then came St Clare's preparatory school with its musical director Mrs

Alison Coleman and accompanist Miss Ami Hilliard who wrote and composed three of the songs: 'Our Wales', 'Music' and 'Set our Spirits Free'. The choir also sang 'The Rose', with a young soloist Holly singing a heart warming verse.

Next on stage was Plasnewydd primary school with musical director Mr Gary Kenifick and accompanying music on CD by Mrs Joanne Bayliss.

The choir's version of M Donnelly's song and music 'Follow your Dreams' to George LO Strid arrangement, was sung powerfully and with conviction.

The last but one choir was Maes Yr Haul primary school - with two musical directors, Miss

Catherine Jones and Mrs Jo Kenifick.

The choir started its programme with a totally different theme 'Teach me the Blues' from the words and music by Kirby Shaw, which had the audience swaying in their seats.

The final choir was from Archdeacon John Lewis primary school under musical director Judith Morgan and accompanist Scott Williams, with its rendition of Mary Donnelly's music and song 'We are the young' to Karen Cartledge's arrangement.

The choir added a special touch by also using British sign language for the hearing impaired.

What a performance by all six choirs. I don't think anyone in the audi-

ence would have liked the task of adjudicators Beverley Humphreys, Jeffrey Howard and Patricia O'Neill in choosing the winning choir.

While they deliberated over their unenviable task, the audience was entertained by young musicians at Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd, for which the music teacher Mrs Nia Edwards at the school must be congratulated.

It started with the Urdd National Eisteddfod winners' 'Parti Bechgyn' (Boys Party). Nathan Isaac on the saxophone was followed by brilliant harp duo Lowri Foster-Davies and Niamh Reese.

Beverley Humphreys, spokesperson for the adjudicators, named the winning choir as Maes Yr Haul primary school from Broadlands, Bridgend.

The school actually has two choirs - one of pupils from year-3, the other from pupils in years 4, 5 and 6, which was actually the winning choir in today's competition.

Headteacher Mrs SM Lugg was presented with a cheque for £500, and a perpetual trophy, along with a replica to keep at the school.

Maesteg Children's Choir triumphs in 25th annual concert

I RECENTLY went to Maesteg town hall to watch the 25th consecutive annual concert held by this choir in the town hall - what a triumph!

The youngsters were outstanding; they had to perform at least 25 song and dance routines. Each year, this choir produces singers good enough to reach the finals of the Bridgend young singer of the year competition.

The concert began with music, songs and dances from Broadway and West End shows from the 1960s - including 'Good morning Baltimore' sung by soloist Lauren Coates, who reached the finals of the junior section in the Bridgend CBC Young singer of the year competition earlier in the year. Katie Bickle and Abigail Rees sang 'Mama I'm a big girl now'.

Guest soprano Rhian Hughes, who is studying music at Cardiff University and has just completed her first year, had chosen two songs, 'Tonight' from *West Side Story*, and 'As long as he needs me' from *Oliver* - her voice projection was fantastic.

The choir returned on stage, singing a number of songs, including the lovely 'Pan fo'r nos yn hir'. I had heard them sing this at other functions, but this was definitely the best version of all!

Another guest soloist, tenor Stephan Ulberini (originally from Porthcawl), is studying music at Trinity College, London. He has performed at the Royal Naval College Chapel, St Martin in the Fields and Lincoln's Inn. His version of 'One enchanted evening' was wonderful.

He and Rhian sang a brilliant duet together, 'Let this be our prayer' and then came more music by the choir from popular musicals with a special mention for Oliver Forwood and Rhodri Jenkins.

The two young lads, who had recently joined the choir, sang verses from 'Look with your heart' from *Love never Dies*, aided by Amy Harries. The show was so well performed and the children so enthusiastic that it is difficult to pick out any particular piece.

Sian Rushforth's version of 'I've had the time of my life' was brilliant and the Bonny Tyler hit 'Total eclipse of the Heart' with a duet by Katie Bickle and Abigail Rees was so hauntingly sung it brought a lump to the throat as did 'Valerie' sung by Lauren Coates. This young lady will go far.

Before the interval, the Judith Williams Loyalty Award was presented to Sian Rushforth by the choir's president Gwenith Petty for her dedication in attending rehearsals and enthusiasm in learning the choral song and dance routines.

Gwenith is the mother of Sara Edwards, the BBC presenter who was at Llangollen International Eisteddfod and could not attend.

Congratulations to the following



Soprano Rhian Hughes and musical director Enid-Sian Hughes.

choristers who made this a momentous occasion:

Junior section - Laurynne Bevan, Sarah Bickle, Lauren Coates, Caitlin Davies, Cerys Xara Davies, Oliver Forwood, Jessica Handley, Elin Heffey, Katie Hevizi, Rebecca Hevizi, Caitlin Jenkins, Rhodri Jenkins, Seren Jones, Annie Phillips, Jessica Phillips, Emily Thomas, Rhiannon Jane Thomas, Karly Whelan, Kirsty Whelan, Efon Winstone.

Youth section - Katie Bickle, Samantha Cox, Sophie Davies, Chloe Evans, Megan Evans, Harriet Forwood, Lauren Gardner, Amy Harris, Chloe Hevizi, Bethan Jones, Jade Parsons, Abigail Rees, Chloe Richards, Megan Rushforth, Sian Rushforth, Deana Williams, Lottie Wright.

The concert was compered with enthusiasm by Tony Mullins, who has been an active member of Maesteg Operatic Society for 48 years, and is chairman of the local branch of Cancer Research UK.

A group of musicians accompany the choir in all their concerts and deserve a mention: Silvana Tambini - Percussion, Geraint Evans - Bass guitar, David Jeffries - Guitar, Liam Donovan - Saxophone and clarinet.

We should not forget those behind the scenes, with a special word for choreographer Susan Bickle and costume designers Annette Whittingham and Cerianne Evans. The choristers' parents could not have coped with making the costumes without their help.

Finally, congratulations go to musical director Enid-Sian Hughes and accompanist Ryan Wood.

This wonderful choir has performed in front of royalty, and was the first children's choir to sing at the European Parliament in Strasbourg in 1991. In 1995 it performed at the 50th anniversary of VE Day events in Normandy, France, among many special events where it has been chosen to represent the Bridgend area throughout the UK and abroad.

The choir will begin rehearsals in September at Plasnewydd primary school on Saturday mornings and welcomes recruits from the Bridgend CBC area aged between 8-17 years of age.

Pupils plod from Port Eynon to Llangenith in search of silver award

FIFTY-FIVE year-10 Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupils took part in their Silver Duke of Edinburgh final expedition on the first weekend of July.

The final expedition, involving a long weekend of walking and camping, rounded off weeks of hard work and preparation as pupils learned about first aid, map reading and the benefits of volunteering in the local community.

They were tested on a very wet and windy practice walk in Hay-on-Wye earlier in the year, so the early morning July sunshine allowed pupils and staff to breathe a sigh of relief.

Everybody was eager to get the expedition started and there was an excitable atmosphere on the coach.

Pupils waved goodbye to comfortable seats and relaxation as the coach pulled out of the car park in Llanrhidian, where the walk began.

They were split into eight groups and they began the walk at 15-minute intervals.

The day was spent walking to the Gower coastline to their overnight campsite based in Port Eynon.

Tents were erected and pasta was cooked as the first night of camping began.

Luckily for pupils and staff, Saturday was another beautiful day. Ahead of the pupils was a gruelling walk from Port Eynon to Llangenith, taking almost all of the day.

Pupils' map reading skills were put to the test as they were required to tackle a range of terrains. Temperatures rose to a roasting 26 degrees which ensured that everyone was relieved to reach the second campsite.

Sunday, the final day, was undoubtedly the hardest day for many of the tired pupils.

Blister-covered feet meant that few were looking forward to the morning's walk, despite the end of the expedition being so close.

Luckily, everybody managed to reach the end in Llanrhidian and all of the pupils can say without question that they had a great feeling of success and achievement.

Now that the walking is complete, pupils are involved in completing written reports of the weekend's events, and will also continue with their volunteering projects throughout the summer, in order to complete the award.

After the success of



the expedition, staff and pupils want to gain sponsorship, donations and raise money so that these successful and beneficial expeditions can continue.

Any sponsorship, sug-

gestions and/or donations would be most welcome. Contact: sbiggs@cowbridgecomprehensiveschool.co.uk

Lydia Kenworthy-Neale

ABOVE:
Pupils recovering after a hard day's walking!

RIGHT:
Twins Megan and Harry admire last year's prize onions.



Residents look to their marrows, beans and sunflowers!

FOLLOWING the success of last year's revival of the St Nicholas Produce Show, the event will be repeated this summer.

This year's show will take place on Saturday, August 20, aiming to bring out the best in local gardeners, cooks, chefs, artists and children!

Classes are open to residents of St Nicholas,

Dyffryn, The Downs and Bonvilston, and to all pupils of St Nicholas Primary School.

As well as the usual vegetable, floral and crafts classes, competitions include largest marrow and longest bean, not to mention tallest sunflower in the village.

There's also a special class for gentlemen, whose challenge will be to bake the perfect Victoria Sandwich (don't

worry, the recipe is provided!). Last year's competition stirred up some testosterone-filled competitiveness culminating in Richard Jones' first prize.

Rumours are that he has rested on his laurels though, and hasn't cooked anything since!

The show, which takes place at St Nicholas Church Hall, will be open to visitors from 2pm, with results and presentations at 3pm. Entry to the show is £1 (no charge to enter competitions).

There are plans for displays of work from talented local people and tea and refreshments will be provided by St Nicholas WI.

Copies of the show schedule, and boxes for entry forms, are at St Nicholas Church porch and the Village Shop, Bonvilston.

They can also be obtained by email, either via the village website www.stnicholasinthevale.co.uk or hannah.fuller@btinternet.com.

RUTH WATTS

Cadets fired up for TA marksmanship

CADETS from No 293 (Cowbridge) Squadron ATC were hosted recently by No 334 (Neath) Squadron and made full use of the facilities on offer at the Neath Territorial Army Centre.

The squadron took the opportunity to train new cadets on the .22 No 8 rifle and re-acquaint more experienced cadets with the weapon the Corps uses to teach basic marksmanship principles before moving on to more complex weapons.

Cadets included Flight Sergeant Matt Whiteley and Corporal Tom Page, who have

both represented the ATC nationally in inter-cadet services competitions and have spent time on the new L98A2 rifle, part of the SA80 family used throughout the armed forces, and the Parker-Hale L81A2 target rifle.

Nonetheless, because it had been more than 12 months since either Matt or Tom had used the comparatively low-powered No 8, safety regulations demanded that they first passed a weapon handling test.

While waiting for their slots on the range, 293 Sqn also had the chance to play a little basketball and sharpen their skills

on 334's climbing wall. Under the adult supervision of FS Andy Beynon, the cadets took turns scaling the 20ft wall, using progressively more difficult routes to make their way to the top of the TA Centre's drill hall.

While tired limbs and increased heart rates did little to help their shooting accuracy, the cadets were most grateful to their sister squadron for another opportunity to participate in some of the diverse range of activities available to Air Cadets.

Next month sees the squadron undertaking an intro-

ductory sub-aqua course and, at present, squadron members are completing the annual renewal of their St John Ambulance first aid qualifications and receiving training on automatic external defibrillators.

The squadron parades on Monday and Thursday evenings, between 7pm-9.15pm at their headquarters just off Aberthin Road, near Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

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COUNCIL WASTE SUPREMO ISSUES A CHALLENGE TO THE BLACK BAG CRITICS...

IHAVE read your letters pages with interest over the last few weeks, and in particular have been following responses to my letter concerning the inappropriate placing of black bags at non-collection weeks.

I am encouraged that I seem to have succeeded

in raising awareness of this issue; however, there is clearly some concern among residents as to their ability to manage their household waste following our introduction of weekly food waste and fortnightly black bag collections.

I have, therefore, decided to openly challenge our service methods to establish if the services now available are indeed sufficient to meet the demands of our

customers. I seek the assistance of five households who are struggling with the new services and feel they cannot manage with a fortnightly residual waste collection service.

If any of your readers would like to write to me at our Alps Offices, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA, I will accept the first five letters received for a controlled household waste trial. During this trial we will separately collect all household wastes and my waste awareness officers will analyse the contents to establish if, after correctly using all our recycling and composting services, they still cannot efficiently manage with a fortnightly black bag collection service.

This work will involve examining the contents of each black bag before collection to note the amount of material within the bag that could be recycled using our existing kerbside services.

Without providing any personal details of the households taking part, I would also be happy to publish the results of our trial in a

further edition of your newspaper. I would be particularly interested to hear from any of the writers of recently published letters who have detailed their concerns with our current waste and recycling collection arrangements.

Could I conclude by advising readers of a forthcoming change to our dry recycling service that will see the introduction of mixed dry recycling on a weekly basis. This should helpfully assist any residents who are struggling with the current arrangements.

Could I also thank your readers for their acceptance, in the most part, of the recent significant changes to our black bag collection arrangements.

Every week, the amount of food waste we collect increases and this is a testament to the large numbers of residents who are taking part in the new kitchen waste collection arrangements.

CS PARISH
(Operational manager, waste management and cleansing Vale Council)

Facing up to the recycling challenge

IFIND it very frustrating that people like Mr Ware (The GEM last week) moan at the council to reinstate weekly bin collections, when all they want to do is to carry on with their own old habits.

He states that he has five bin bags on his patio, which have been accumulating over nine days. I would like to challenge him to start making proper use of the council's recycling service and see his bin pile shrink to about three bins a fortnight.

Containers such as tins, plastic trays and other materials contaminated with stale food that he writes of, should be rinsed out immediately after use, before the food residue dries.

In September, the council will make the recycling process a lot easier.

I just hope that the supplied sacks will be see-through, as a whole vehicle load of recycling can be contaminated if

some people view the sacks as 'free bin bags' and put in items such as nappies or ashtray contents.

With regards to Mr Ware's problem with smelly cat litter, I suggest that he scoops it up and knots it into the free dog poop bags from the council, or picks up a pack of 100 nappy sacks from Tesco for 19p.

If the people of Barry start making proper use of all the recycling services provided, including the kitchen waste collection, we won't have seagulls and other animals ripping the binbags open and spilling the contents all over our streets, or unpleasant smells, or huge fines for not meeting European landfill reduction targets.

The last thing I'd like to mention is the council's free kerbside collection service for unwanted bulky items such as furniture, carpets and appliances.

You can request a pick-up by ringing the council's call centre on 01446 700111.

Silke Singleton, Barry.

'SPECIAL FORCES' AND ST ATHAN

PHILIP IRWIN is right to be sceptical about the Vale MP's claims of "significant expansion" of the special forces ('Defence College killed off... but all is not lost' (The GEM, July 21).

For the Minister's statement says only that "Plans to relocate additional defence units to St Athan are being developed" - and if those plans come to fruition, would there be jobs to offset those being lost from DARA's closure?

The Special Forces Support Group (SMSG) was established at St Athan under Labour in 2006. Though largely secret, they were active in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to information leaked to the *Sunday Telegraph* (December 12, 2009) when they were optimistic they would "break the back of the Taliban insurgency".

Following the failure

Whether legal or not, there's a fear that the SMSG becomes a target for revenge attacks.

The nods and winks in Alun Cairns' Viewpoint column, with talk of "cutting edge operations", has let the cat out of the bag.

So can the public be treated maturely and given a proper say? **Max Wallis (Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth)**

Origin of quotation

IWOULD like to respond to Mr Christopher Short, who asked for source references in my recent letter regarding the controversy over Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor which noted "It is said that society can be judged by the way it treats its children."

Mahatma Gandhi said: "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members."

The quotation, "The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in

the twilight of life, the aged; and those in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped" was said by Hubert H Humphrey, in his speech at the dedication of the Hubert H Humphrey building in Washington, DC, on November 4, 1977.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the eminent theologian, said that, "The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children."

My comment was loosely based on this hypothesis. I hope that Mr Short will find this information useful. **Gwenno Huws (Mrs), Barry.**



PORTHCAWL SEA FESTIVAL

Check it out: Monday, 1st to Friday 5th August

Porthcawl welcomes all its neighbours to the Sea Festival

PORTHCAWL'S Sea Festival is once again seeking to highlight the town as the holiday season gets into gear.

The week (August 1-7) builds up to a busy weekend, where the action will centre around the Cosy Corner gardens at the Harbour.

However, a number of organisations and individuals in the town are putting on events during the week, all designed to add a little colour and excitement to the week.

Running throughout the festival is a free exhibition of photography in the Grand Pavilion, where the theme is 'speed'.

Photographers from around south Wales submitted entries, and the chosen images will be on display all week.

For anyone interested in the history of the area, there will be a talk and slide show on 'Porthcawl Past and Present' at the YMCA, John Street, Porthcawl, on Wednesday, August 3, at 7.30pm.

As in previous years, it is organised by the Porthcawl Museum Society, and should prove a fascinating dip into the past. Entry is free.

A very different evening is promised the following night (Thursday August 4, at 6pm) when Hayley Williams and Tracey Walsley will take guests on a tour around

by PHILIP IRWIN

the "most haunted spots of Porthcawl, complete with stories and tales from the other side!"

The walk starts at the Swan, Nottage, Porthcawl, and tickets are £2.

The same evening (August 4), Porthcawl-based poet, Robert Minihinnick, will host a poetry night at 7.30pm in the Lorelei public house, Esplanade Avenue. Again, entrance is free.

One of the old sea festival favourites takes place on Friday, August 5, from 12 noon until 2pm, when holiday makers and locals are invited to take part in the annual sandcastle competition at Coney Beach.

All you need is a bucket and spade, and there is no entrance fee!

In the evening (August 5), another regular feature of the sea festival returns, when a car treasure hunt starts from Dock Street Car Park, Porthcawl, at 6pm. Tickets for this event are £5.

However, it is on the Saturday and the Sunday that the events begin to pile up.

On Saturday (August 6) all the action centres on Cosy Corner near the harbour, and there will be music and dance all afternoon from a variety of local acts.

Taking to the stage are:

12pm-12.15pm - Cambrian Gherkers

Jazz Band.
12.15pm-12.30pm - Sea Shanties.

12.30pm-1pm - Pop Stars Dance Studio Groups - Blaze & Blaze Juniors
1pm-1.30pm - The 'Ancient Briton Alternative Morris Dancers'.

From 1.30pm-2pm, the Porthcawl Fire Service will put on a road traffic collision demonstration.

Back on stage (2pm-2.30pm) will be the Porthcawl Ukulele Band.

2.45pm-3pm - a Tug of War competition.

3pm-3.45pm - Porthcawl Lions are organising a Teddy Bears picnic. Bring along your favourite teddy bear!!

3.15pm - St John's Ambulance Display

3.30pm - Story time with the Porthcawl Library.

3.45pm-4pm - Prize winning presentations. Also, all day long,

there will be a treasure hunt, face painting, nursery rhymes and a pirates/princesses fancy dress competition, along with other displays and demonstrations from the RNLI, South Wales Fire Service and Police.

There will be also be a variety of children's rides, stalls, a barbecue which is organised by the Porthcawl Fire Service. Entrance is free to all events.

The following day (Sunday, August 7) there will be more activities at Cosy Corner between 1pm and 7pm.

Taking to the stage this time will be a wide range of local jazz and rock bands, all taking part in the 'Porthcawl Music Festival'.

There will also be a display of artwork from the Porthcawl and District Art Society, one of the oldest established art societies in south Wales.

Stalls that attended for the Saturday event are expected to be present on Sunday as well.



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ABOVE:
Mrs Christine Nash, who has retired after 42 years teaching.



COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE

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Council news

PYLE Community Council has now received letters of commitment regarding the cricket field from Mynydd Cynffig Infants School, Mynydd Cynffig Junior School and Kenfig Hill RFC.

The Rugby Club have indicated that they will form both a senior and youth side. On receiving these commitments the clerk has been instructed to ask BCBC to carry out the necessary work to establish a pitch as soon as possible.

It is estimated that it will be ready for use at the start of the 2013 season.

Park bench – Following a petition from many residents, the council are considering a request for a park bench to be sited on Waun Bant Road.

They consider this to be the ideal position for people to stop and have a little rest when walking up from Woodlands Park Road or when enjoying a short walk in the countryside.

Mynydd Cynffig Junior School

AS winners of the Bridgend South League, the school basketball squad, consisting of Jordan Baker, Lloyd Thomas, Ceiran Jones, Jade Mitchell, Taylor Dennis, Jamie Knight, Jaay Emery, Anthony Burnell, Shauna Dunn-Jones, Thomas Morgan, Jac Flanagan and Lewis Blythe, played in the

national basketball finals at the Bridgend Recreation Centre last Tuesday.

The school played well and won all their games, to reach the final, where they came up against Brynmynyn Primary School.

It turned out to be an exciting game which Brynmynyn managed to win in the final quarter by three baskets.

As well as being Bridgend South League winners, the boys also won the Bridgend Basketball Blitz with the girls being runners up in their section.

It has been an excellent season for the basketball team with four players, Jade Mitchell, Taylor Dennis, Jordan Baker and Lloyd Thomas getting into the district side.

School Prom: Last Tuesday evening Years 5 and 6 held their end-of-year prom in the school hall. Lloyd Dewar provided the music and with everyone dressing up they all enjoyed themselves.

Thanks must go to the school staff who worked so hard preparing everything and made it such a splendid evening.

Merit gold award: I recently reported that Lowri Thomas gained a gold award for merits gained throughout the school year, an achievement which is rarely accomplished.

Well, at the end of term it was repeated by Nia David. Nia was also praised for her impressive story writing, which showed her mature use of punctua-



ABOVE: Year 6 pupils holding up their cards saying 'it's not the end, you are still a friend' to Mrs Nash.



Coun Greta Rogers, headteacher Mrs Stanford, and Mrs Christine Nash.

tion and excellent ideas.

Leavers' presentation: Year-6 parents saw their children presented with individual and team awards at the school leavers' presentation in the school hall last Wednesday.

Pupils who collected individual awards for 2011 were: Musician – Harriet James, ICT – Morgan Kent, Drama (Boy) – Callum Wright, Drama (Girl) – Harriet James, Mathematician – Thomas Morgan, Scientist – Owain Parsons, Sportsperson (Boy) – Lloyd Thomas, Sportsperson (Girl) – Taylor Dennis, Storywriter – Alice Webber, Artist – Callum Nicholas, Achievement and Diligence – Connor Mulholland, Care and Consideration – Lac Flanagan.

Everyone at Mynydd Cynffig Junior School would like to wish the pupils well in their new schools and also thank the governors, parents and friends of the school for their help and support throughout the year.

A special word of thanks went to Mrs Greta Rogers, the chairperson of the governors, for always giving her time and effort to support the school.

St

Theodore's EVERYONE is welcome to St Theodore's on August 3 at 3pm, when afternoon tea will be served in the pleasant surroundings of their grounds and also in the church. With guests from Porthcawl, Canton and Christchurch Roath Mothers' Unions it will be a most enjoyable afternoon.

Kenfig Hill Wellbeing Centre

ACTIVITIES being held by the Mental Health Matters Wales on August 3 in the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road: Information with Karen Powell, (2pm–3pm) and Valley and Vale Arts and Crafts Workshop (2pm–3pm). There is also a general social afternoon from 1pm–5pm.

Parish events

EVERYONE is welcome to a service of Eucharist and healing at the Sandville Self Help Centre on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

Allan Brookes is organising a trip to see the musical *Oliver* on January 10, 2012 in the Millennium Centre, Cardiff.

Such is the demand, seats have to be reserved well in advance. If you are interested lists are now up in both Pyle and Kenfig churches.

Ian and Julie encourage you to come along to the Bonsai Club, held in St James Church Hall, Pyle on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Because of repairs to the church hall the coffee shop will be closed until further notice. Work is also due to start on the toilet extension at St Mary Magdalene, Mawldan during the last week in August.

Leavers' assembly

THERE was hardly a dry eye at the last assembly for the leavers

from Year-6 and the emotional retirement of nursery teacher, Christine Nash at Mynydd Cynffig Infants School last Thursday.

In front of very proud parents, grandparents, teachers and governors, the pupils of Year-6 danced, played their recorders and sang their hearts out for the last time before leaving to go to the junior school next term.

Mrs Nash, who has decided to retire after 42 years, was a very popular and much loved teacher in the nursery section. After giving so many in the village such a sound start to their schooling days, she will be sorely missed.

Many of the parents at this assembly were also taught by Mrs Nash and they, along with the pupils, shed a few tears when the children sang a song from *Jungle Book* with their own words and also one dedicated to her with their own words, "It's not the end, she's our friend – Mrs Nash is very wonderful".

Headteacher Mrs Stanford praised the children for being word perfect, considering that they only had a few days to learn them following the school concert. Mrs Stanford was also delighted with the academic year, which saw the pupils achieve fantastic end of year results with a 90 per cent success rate.

She then thanked parents and governors for their help and support during the year, before making a presentation to Mrs Nash of gifts from the children and their parents, the school and the governors.



ABOVE and BELOW:
The year-6 Mynydd Cynffig pupils at their leaving concert.



READERS' LETTERS

Not so simple for those British bobbies who are in Kabul

AFTER reading your report 'Nigel heads off to police Afghan capital', I have to say I was flabbergasted at the apparent simplicity of the man heading off to hold what seems to be a fairly important role in a country where we have been involved in a war for nearly 10 years.

The tone of the article gave the impression it was rather wonderful to have "one of our own" from the Vale going to "keep Afghan people safe". Obviously, when

Nigel Lewis thinks about keeping the Afghan people safe he does not refer to the men, women and children who have been victims of white phosphorus attacks, endless bombing, imprecise drone attacks, dawn raids and disease through want.

I hope he realises that to many Afghans who have suffered horrific losses over the past 10 years, he is one of the bad guys and there is no goodwill in the world that can change that.

I thoroughly accept the need for law and order in Afghanistan, and I hope that Nigel is successful in tackling

kidnapping, robbery, police corruption and organised crime that have spread in the chaos of the invasion.

As the West continues to support the corrupt government of Hamid Karzai, however, I am sceptical of Lewis finding the solutions within the ranks.

I may offer no solutions myself, but I feel that a strong Afghanistan will be held up by a strong Afghan civil society. I find it impossible to imagine that it can thrive under an occupation so thoroughly unwanted by both sides.

Helen Cassidy, Cowbridge

Diabetes: free advice

WE are a registered charity and our latest free newsletters, for people using insulin and for people with Type 2 diabetes on diet and tablets, aim to give them information and support so that they can get the most out of appointments with healthcare professionals.

We are all facing changes to the NHS with the government's reforms, much of which many of us don't understand, so it is important that we have this information if we are to make sure that we receive the high quality care and treatment that we have been promised and to which we are entitled.

We are happy to send out these free newsletters to your readers if they contact the Insulin Dependent Diabetes Trust (IDDT) on 01604 622837, email enquiries@iddinternational.org or write to IDDT, PO Box 294, Northampton NN1 4XS.

Jenny Hirst (IDDT)

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Red tape over campaign medals does not honour our war veterans

THE House of Commons is in recess, although the Defence Select Committee, on which I sit, is still at work on a number of reports.

Therefore, it seems a suitable time to reflect on recent events involving the Armed Forces.

The big day, of course, was Armed Forces Day. For some it's a 'one off' day watching soldiers, reservists, cadets and veterans march through Bridgend town centre.

It started earlier for me, on Monday, June 20, in Bridgend with the raising of the flag for Armed Forces week outside of the council office with local veterans.

The following day brought a meeting to discuss the enquiry into the funding and organisation of cadet forces.

I am vice chair of the Cadet and Reserves All Party group and both organisations are subject to current inquiries into their work.

It is also hoped to make them more attractive to those who leave the Armed Forces, as a means for passing on or continuing to use their skills and knowledge.

Next came the launch of my photographic exhibition in the Commons to celebrate Armed Forces

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive column from Westminster for The GEM.



week. My aim was to show how our Armed Forces are not only engaged in theatres of war but are all around us. I used the community of the Commons to explore who had been in the forces and the work they now do.

We started with only 25 photographs of MPs, Police, door keepers, committee clerks etc, all of whom had served in the forces.

Alongside two photographs, showing them in the forces and now, there was text detailing the service and how it impacted on their role now.

It was a very emotional launch by Mr Speaker Bercow who insisted he wanted it run again next year and to include the House of Lords.

Mr Speaker also presented five veterans badges to some of those present, one of whom told me they had been less afraid under hostile fire than when accepting

the Veterans' Badge from the Speaker of the House.

On the Saturday, the rain held off for the Armed Forces Day Parade in Bridgend and the march to the cenotaph, prayers and the concert went well.

The voices of the children from Bryntirion Junior School rose above everyone to recite the Lord's Prayer in a most moving way.

I also met a number of veterans who hold the Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) Medal. On their behalf I asked the following question to the Leader of the House

Mrs Madeleine Moon (Bridgend) (Lab): "In 2004, the King and Government of Malaysia awarded the Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal to soldiers who fought in the Malaysian jungle between 1957 and 1966.

"That medal was initially refused to veterans by the British Government. It has now been accepted, but veterans are not allowed to wear it in public.

"According to a written answer from the Ministry of Defence of April 26, the review was currently with the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and it was hoped that a decision would be made after Easter.

"It is now long after Easter, and we are still waiting. On behalf of people such as Ted Williams, who is national secretary of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans' Association, may we have a statement as soon as possible so that as we approach armed forces week they can wear their medal publicly, with pride, in memory of the 340 troops who died fighting bravely in those jungles?"

Sir George Young: "This is a long-standing campaign that has a lot of support on both sides of the House, and I commend the hon. lady for raising it.

"I will raise with the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister exactly what she has said. If it is indeed the case that a decision rests with them, I will use what influence I have to try to

get a decision before the summer recess."

We are still awaiting a decision.

The recognition and thanks continued during the week with two major events. As chair of the All Party RAF group, I hosted the RAF 'homecoming' reception for 100 personnel who had recently served in Afghanistan.

This is an opportunity for Parliament to say thank you to members of the RAF and the RAF Regiment for the work they have done in all of our names.

It was a hot day, made worse by the three coaches bringing people to the reception being stuck in traffic with no air conditioning.

However, it all went extremely well and plenty of beer and food was available. Standing on the terrace overlooking the river was a pleasant experience for everyone.

MPs then played tour guide and showed the RAF around the Palace of Westminster, and many even had the opportunity to hear some of Dr Fox's statement discussion in the Commons.

Among my guests were 16 who had received awards for bravery while on duty in Afghanistan. They were invited back for a dinner to recognise their award and their service.

This was a very emotional event, as a few were invited to describe the circumstances associated with their award. Several of the men and women spoke; many had different roles and responsibilities.

The common theme was the modesty with which they spoke of bravery under fire, of how their team had been involved and they had just been singled out for the award, and how honoured they felt to have their work recognised.

None felt that they had been doing more than just doing their job.

One recent witness who spoke to the Defence Select Committee made an interesting statement.

He commented that the formal notion of a veteran had only existed since 2002, when the Labour government introduced the first Minister for Veterans.

The concept is one that we have all embraced and is a central part of our recognition of past and present service to our country.

RIGHT:
Thelma Griffiths shows a blouse to Suzy Davies AM, watched by shop co-ordinator Margaret Phillips.



Theo's success story for a Kenfig Hill church

A NEW church venture with a strong community ethos has won praise from an Assembly member.

Suzy Davies, regional AM for South Wales West, visited the new shop and community space opened in Kenfig Hill by members of St Theodore's Church.

Called Theo's, the shop is located in the heart of the village and provides the community with a much-needed facility.

Rev Jonathan Durlay, vicar of Kenfig Hill, said that the project was almost completed when he arrived in the parish at the end of last year.

"The shop opened the week after I arrived and it has been a huge success. It's become a focal point for the community."

Churchwarden Margaret Phillips explained that they had decided to take action after they sold the old church hall and needed a new base.

"We already had our shop but that was in a rented property which needed a lot of work. A former solicitor's office became available next door to Spar, which is in the busiest part of Kenfig Hill and we decided to go for it," she said.

Although they had some money of their own from the sale of the hall, they also needed grants and loans to get the property bought and renovated.

"We completely gutted it," Mrs Phillips stated. "We wanted to create a multi purpose building with a community space behind the shop which people can hire for functions and activities."

"We also have a community café in there which gives people somewhere to go for a cup of tea and a chat."

"There is no café any more in Kenfig Hill and we are finding that some of the young mothers will call in after dropping their children off at school."

"It's important that people have somewhere to meet each other in the community," she stressed.

Rev Durlay said that the concept is flexible and the church also holds a service there on Wednesdays at 10am. The shop, which is painted in a very trendy shade of light green outside, draws in a lot of people.

"It is much more attractive than the old shop and we have made it light and airy inside," said Margaret.

"We try to give people good value for money by selling items at reasonable prices."

"We get some very high quality goods donated and the profits go to the church and local good causes."

The entire building was gutted during the renovations, including the first floor where a self-contained flat has been created, which is rented out to give the enterprise some income.

Money came in from a variety of organisations, including the Welsh Church Act Fund, Valleys to Coast, BAVO and Pyle Community

Council. Mrs Phillips, whose husband David was a well known butcher in Kenfig Hill for many years, said that it was sad to see the decline of the town as a shopping centre.

"We have lost many lovely shops over the years. This shop is now one of only a handful where people can have a browse and pick up a bargain. It gives people somewhere to go if they come into the main street."

The shop has a rota of 25 volunteers who give their time and they are co-ordinated by Margaret Phillips. The project was managed by Margaret and David Lloyd, who is the other parish warden.

The parish also has its

office in a portable cabin located behind the shop, also used by a small local charity.

Suzy Davies, AM, said that she was very impressed by what church members had achieved.

"This is a fantastic community venture. Church members went out on a limb to get the loans and grants they needed to create an asset that everyone in Kenfig Hill can be proud of."

"They have provided much-needed rental accommodation, a community facility and a shop which offers high quality items at affordable prices. It's a complete win-win situation."

New care strategy puts the emphasis on independence

A NEW model of care aimed at supporting older people to live as independently as possible has been approved by Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet.

The modernisation plan for the authority's adult social care service will see even closer ties with health partners in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board and a greater focus on 'person-centred' support.

"It will mean older people are less likely to need permanent places in residential and nursing homes and will reduce the need for long hospital stays, thanks to a carefully-targeted programme of rehabilitation and reablement", a spokeswoman claimed.

Key to the plan will be the phased development of Bryn Y Cae residential home in Brackla into a residential reablement facility. Current residents will remain at Bryn Y Cae as long as their needs can continue to be met.

The plan will also look at how the development of extra care, the first unit of which is due to open at Llys Ton shortly, might be widened in the future. Work will also be progressed to develop Glanyrafon into a specialist dementia care facility providing extra care, reablement and respite care.

The move towards this new model of care mirrors that championed by the Welsh Government deputy minister Gwenda Thomas, who last month called for social services and social care to "meet both the challenges, but also the opportunities that this landscape presents. Standing still is not an option".

The changes being introduced by BCB follow many months of consultation, research and service reviews which have involved speaking with staff and service-users, as well as independent care providers, industry specialists, health partners, trade unions, Age Concern Morgannwg and other advocacy groups to seek advice, opinion and expertise.

The cabinet's view is that the most positive starting point for remodelling is a stronger link with health partners

to develop an innovative residential reablement facility, along with more supported housing, and enablement-focussed homecare which will complement the work of existing schemes such as Bridgestart.

Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for wellbeing, said: "All the research suggests a big increase in the number of local people aged 75-plus is on the horizon. Throughout our consultation and research period we have always maintained that, however we remodel, we need to deliver services which are modern and more efficient and which enable residents to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible."

"We have explored many options along the way and sought the views of different people and groups so that we can be sure we have gathered a good cross-section of opinion and expertise. What we heard loud and clear is that yes, we need to modernise, but a staged approach which first allows us to cement and widen our relationship with health is the best starting point. Our ambition is to fully integrate our services for older people with our health partners."

"Developing Bryn Y Cae and Glanyrafon and looking at our other supported living ambitions will allow us to modernise the service and make it more efficient."

Coun Mel Nott, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, added: "I'm extremely grateful to all the people and groups who have contributed to this process and gave us a valuable insight into this important and complex sector."

"The option we are approving today allows us to move forward in a positive way while also giving us the time to reflect on how the service will evolve in line with the Welsh Government's expectations."

"Over the last few months we have heard a great deal of speculation about what remodelling might mean for staff and service-users. I think this proves we are a council which is committed, caring but not afraid to change," he added.

Help these two live out happy retirement!



The Cats Protection Centre in Bryncethin has put out an urgent appeal for someone to give a home to two elderly sisters, who suddenly became homeless when their owners died.

A Cats Protection spokeswoman said: "Chopstick and Chowmein are adorable 15-year-old sisters and are the oldest pair of cats currently at the centre."

"As you can see, they don't look a day over five!"

She continued: "They have a sad tale to tell as

their owners died and they lost their home.

"They have each other for support and that has got them through the tough times."

"We are hoping to find them a home where they can live out their retirement in comfort."

The Cats Protection Centre can be contacted at Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, Bridgend, CF32 9UJ, by telephone on 01656 726621, or by visiting <http://bridgend.cats.org.uk>

Cowbridge Comprehensive School annual sports presentation evening

Cowbridge Comprehensive School staged their annual sports presentation on July 19 and to start the evening off there was a display of sporting activities for guests and parents to observe the pupils performing.

Headteacher Margaret Evans welcomed the guests, teachers, parents and pupils to the sports presentation to honour the school's international sportspersons and winners of international, national, county and district competitions.

Certificates were also given to members of winning teams and county representatives.

Margaret Evans introduced the sports guest, Non Evans MBE, a Welsh sportswoman who has competed internationally in four different sports – rugby union, judo, weightlifting and freestyle wrestling.

She has played 84 times for her country up to the start of the 2010 Women's Rugby World Cup (87 caps following World Cup), and is Wales' all time leading points scorer.

Non was a delightful guest who was truly motivational to the pupils who met her.

The evening was compered by Brynmor Williams, who conducted the evening smoothly and quickly, while Ieuan Evans concluded the evening with a vote of thanks to the pupils, parents and the PE department.

To conclude the evening, Hugh Williams was asked to pay a special tribute to Glan Williams, who is retiring after 37 years of service at Cowbridge Comprehensive.

Glan has been an inspirational teacher to all those pupils he has taught. He has dedicated his life to school sport, he knows all the pupils by name, their families and interests and gave each pupil opportunities to participate and compete in a range of sports, many of whom have gone on to represent at international level.

We wish Glan a happy retirement.

The school gained successes in the following sports:

CROSS COUNTRY: CUPS – UNDER-12 GIRLS: SEREN ALLIN – CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY OVERALL LEAGUE WINNER; CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNER; SOUTH WALES REGIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNER-UP; WELSH NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNER.

UNDER-14 GIRLS: CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: REBECCA THOMAS; CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP CAPTAIN: ELA EMYR; SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: NADINE JAMES; WELSH INTER SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP CAPTAIN: SEREN ALLIN.

UNDER-20 GIRLS: CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: RACHEL BRADSHAW; SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: BETHAN ALLMAN; WELSH INTER SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: FIONA BRAY.

ST JOHNS RACES (PORTHCRAWL) SHIELDS: U13S GIRLS CAPTAIN: SEREN ALLIN WINNERS SEREN ALLIN; INDIVIDUAL WINNER.

U13S BOYS – RUNNERS-UP.

U16S GIRLS – CAPTAIN: FIONA BRAY; WINNERS FIONA BRAY; INDIVIDUAL WINNER.

U16S BOYS – RUNNERS-UP.

COUNTY TEAM: SENIOR GIRLS – SABRINA JAMES; MIDDLE GIRLS – FIONA BRAY, BETHAN ALLMAN, MIRRIAM BENNETT; JUNIOR GIRLS – ELLA EMYR, REBECCA THOMAS, NADINE JAMES, ALICE TUDOR; YEAR-7 GIRLS – SEREN ALLIN, CERYN BRADSHAW, ALICIA THOMAS, FFION VICKERS; YEAR-7 BOYS – LUKE JEFFREYS, SEAN DAVIES, DEWI BENNETT; JUNIOR BOYS – HUW BENNETT, ALEX LOVE, ELLIS ROSSER, RIAN THOMAS.

GYMNASTICS: COUNTY U-12S BOYS NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP; COUNTY U-13S BOYS TUMBLE & VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP; COUNTY U-19S GIRLS TUMBLE & VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP; COUNTY U-19S GIRLS INDIVIDUAL RESULT LILLI EVANS RUNNER-UP.

WELSH SCHOOLS U-13S BOYS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP; WELSH SCHOOLS U-13S GIRLS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: JORDAN STEVENS.

WELSH SCHOOLS U-19S MIXED FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP CAPTAIN: DYLAN LAYZELL.

BRITISH SCHOOLS U-13S GIRLS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE – UNDER-19S DYLAN LAYZELL, LILI EVANS; UNDER-13S TOM TROTMAN, JASMINE STEVENS.

RUGBY: CUPS – SENIOR – NATIONAL 15ASIDE VASE WINNERS CAPTAIN: BEN SMITH.

YEAR-11 – VALE OF GLAMORGAN 15 ASIDE LEAGUE & CUP WINNERS CAPTAIN: GUS REES MCPHERSON; YEAR-11 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 ASIDE WINNERS CAPTAIN: GUS REES MCPHERSON.

YEAR-10 – URDD WELSH SCHOOLS 7 ASIDE WINNERS CAPTAIN: CHRIS BRACE; YEAR-10 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 15 ASIDE LEAGUE & CUP WINNERS CAPTAIN: CHRIS BRACE; YEAR-10 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 ASIDE RUNNERS-UP CAPTAIN: CHRIS BRACE.

YEAR-9 – VALE OF GLAMORGAN 15 ASIDE LEAGUE & CUP WINNERS CAPTAIN: DAN HOLDER; YEAR-9 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 ASIDE WINNERS CAPTAIN: DAN HOLDER; YEAR-9 MONMOUTH INVITATIONAL 7 ASIDE WINNERS CAPTAIN: DAN HOLDER.

YEAR-8 – VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 ASIDE WINNERS CAPTAIN: JOE DAVIES; YEAR-8 ROSSLYN PARK 7S SEMI FINALISTS; BERKHAMSTED 7S QUARTER FINALISTS; YEAR-8 VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS LEAGUE WINNERS AND CUP CAPTAIN: JOE DAVIES; YEAR-7 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 ASIDE RUNNERS-UP CAPTAIN: CAI EVANS.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION – GLAMORGAN WANDERERS SENIOR RUGBY AND CARDIFF BLUES ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE REUBEN TUCKER; U-16S BLUES – GUS REES-MCPHERSON, OLIVER HITCHINGS, CHRISTIAN ROBERTS WATERS, HARRY HITCHCOCK, EVAN PHILLIPS; U-16S BLUES DEVELOPMENT JAMES GRIFFITHS, RHYS GRIFFITHS, CHARLIE MORRIS, MATTHEW GOODLAD.

U-14S BLUES – NICK GRIFFITHS, DANIEL HOLDER, HARRY DOWELL BENNETT, ADAM DIX, TOM HIGGINS, JOE GAUGHAN, AARON BOWMAN.

U-13S BLUES – TOM TROTMAN, TOM LUCAS, TOM EVANS, JOE DAVIES, NATHAN ROBSON, FRASER MCGHAN, ED COUSINS, JACK ANDERSON.

U12 BLUES – DUNCAN ACE, CAI EVANS, SEAN DAVIES, DANIEL BUNNEY, JAMES HOLDER, JOE KNOTT.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN U-15 – CAMERON O'SULLIVAN, CHRIS BRACE, JAMES WHITTINGHAM, HARRY THOMAS, HARRY COLLIER, JOSEF GAUGHAN, HARRY DOWELL BENNETT.

HOCKEY: CUPS – YEAR-11 GIRLS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS CAPTAIN: RACHEL BRADSHAW. COUNTY REPRESENTATION: U-18S – KATIE HOWSON, BETHAN MOORCRAFT, MOLLY LLEWELLYN, SOPHIE DANDO.

U-16S – RACHEL BRADSHAW.

NETBALL: COUNTY REPRESENTATION: U-18 & MOST IMPROVED PLAYER MOLLY WILLIAMS.

MARBELLA NETBALL TOUR – PLAYER OF THE TOUR BETHAN SLOAN.

FOOTBALL: CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOL REPRESENTATION – U-14 BOYS – JOSHUA THOMAS, BRAD ROSSER.

CAMBRIAN & CLYDACH SCHOOL REPRESENTATION: U-15 BOYS – MATTHEW JACKA; U-16 BOYS – JAMES HENDY. BASKETBALL: UNDER-13 CARDIFF & VALE SCHOOLS LEAGUE WINNERS CAPTAIN: TOM TROTMAN; TEAM: JOE DAVIES, BEN JONES, MICHAEL MILANI, ELLIS ROSSER, ADAM JONES, DAVID HUMPHRIES, HUW BENNETT, FRASER MCGUANE, AMOS BOOTH, HARVEY STOCKFORD, MATTHEW HARPER.

UNDER-14 – CARDIFF & VALE SCHOOLS LEAGUE WINNERS: SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS: WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: GEORGE GRIFFITHS;

TEAM: SEAN ROWLAND, JOSEF GAUGHAN, TOM TROTMAN, HARRY STUBBINGTON, TOM OWEN, ALEX GREAVES, DECLAN THOMAS, LLOYD ELMS, MILES JENKINS, MATT ROBERTS.

CRICKET: UNDER-14 – CARDIFF AND VALES SCHOOLS FINALS (Due to be played 20th July).

UNDER-13 – CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOLS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP: UNDER-13 – VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS FESTIVAL WINNERS CAPTAIN: OLIVER PIKE; UNDER-13 – CARDIFF AND VALE GIRLS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP; GIRLS INDOOR WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS CAPTAIN: LAURIE THOMAS; TEAM: ROSA HARTMAN, MILLIE GREEN, EMILY DAVIES, MADDIE BREED, HETTY BREED, HANNAH WOOD, MEGAN MCNAMEE, JOSIE PALMER, OLIVIA WOOD.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION – SENIOR WOMEN – BETHAN MOORCRAFT.

U-15 GIRLS – LUCIE JOHNSON.

U-13 GIRLS – LAURIE THOMAS.

U-12 BOYS – MATHEW KEATING, CAI EVANS.

U-13 BOYS – OLIVER PIKE, JONATHAN HARVEY.

U-14 BOYS – DANIEL EVANS.

U-15 BOYS – TODD WILCOX, HARRI COLLIER, MATTHEW JACKA, SAM WOOD, CHRIS BRACE, JOE COTTRELL.

U-16 BOYS – JACK DAVIES, WILL ANTONI.

SWIMMING: COUNTY REPRESENTATION – U-15 SOUTH EAST WALES ALISTAIR RICHARDS.

GOLF: CITY OF CARDIFF & VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM – TEAM: KATIE BRADBURY, GAVIN MAGNER AND WILLIAM HOGGETT RUNNERS-UP; INDIVIDUAL: KATIE BRADBURY RUNNER-UP.

WELSH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL/GIRLS TEAM KATIE BRADBURY WINNER.

CYCLING: UNDER-12 – WELSH SCHOOLS CYCLE CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS TEAM: NIAMH JENKINS, ALICIA THOMAS, SOPHIE LEWIS.

UNDER-14 – WELSH SCHOOLS CYCLE CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP REBECCA THOMAS.

UNDER-16 – WELSH SCHOOLS CYCLE CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNNERS-UP MIRIAM BENNETT.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS: CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – U-13 GIRLS 6 LAP SEREN ALLIN WINNER; STANDING LONG JUMP ELLIE WILLIAMS WINNER.

U-13 BOYS – 2 LAP, HIGH JUMP & SHOT TOM TROTMAN WINNER. 6 LAP RIAN THOMAS WINNER; SPEED BOUNCE KRISTIAN JONES WINNER; SPEED BOUNCE DANIEL ODDY RUNNER-UP; 6 LAP ELLIS ROSSER RUNNER-UP.

U-15 GIRLS – SPEED BOUNCE & OVERALL RUNNER-UP IZZY EDDY WILLIAMS WINNER; 2 LAP CATLIN ALLIN & SARAH LEWIS JOINT WINNER; VERTICAL JUMP LILI EVANS WINNER.

U-15 BOYS – STANDING TRIPLE JUMP/LONG JUMP GEORGE GRIFFITHS WINNER; SHOT RAFI SHIRZAD WINNER; ALL ROUNDER GEORGE GRIFFITHS RUNNER-UP.

WELSH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – U-13 GIRLS – STANDING LONG JUMP MAYA BELL RUNNER-UP.

U-13 BOYS – 2 LAP, HIGH JUMP & 4 X 2 LAP RELAY TOM TROTMAN WINNER; 4 LAP & 4 X 2 LAP RELAY KRISTIAN JONES WINNER; 8 LAP PARLOUFF RIAN THOMAS AND ELLIS ROSSER WINNER.

U-15 BOYS – STANDING TRIPLE JUMP & 4 X 2 LAP RELAY GEORGE GRIFFITHS WINNER; ALL ROUNDER GEORGE GRIFFITHS THIRD.

BRITISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – U-15 BOYS – STANDING LONG JUMP (EQUALLED WELSH RECORD 2M82) GEORGE GRIFFITHS RUNNER-UP; 4 X 2 LAP RELAY, 2 LAP, INDIVIDUAL ALL ROUNDER GEORGE GRIFFITHS THIRD; 4 X 2 LAP RELAY RAFI SHIRZAD THIRD; OVERALL TEAM GEORGE GRIFFITHS AND RAFI SHIRZAD THIRD.

U-13 BOYS – HIGH JUMP TOM TROTMAN RUNNER-UP.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION – U-13 GIRLS – ELA EMYR, MAYA BELL, SASHUNI JAYASINGHE, SIÂN JONES, BROOKE LANGDEN CRYER, SALLY GAMBLING, ELLIE EDDY WILLIAMS.

U-15 GIRLS – IZZY EDDY WILLIAMS, CATLIN ALLIN, SARAH LEWIS.

U-13 BOYS – TOM TROTMAN*, KRISTIAN JONES*, RIAN THOMAS*, ELLIS ROSSER*, DANIEL ODDY*, NATHAN ROBSON*, HARRISON STEVENS*, SCOTT THOMAS*.

U-15 BOYS – GEORGE GRIFFITHS*, RAFI SHIRZAD*.

***DENOTES REPRESENTED CARDIFF & VALE SCHOOLS AND WALES AS A REGION AT THE BRITISH SCHOOLS SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

INDOOR ATHLETICS: WELSH SCHOOLS INVITATION INDOOR COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS – U-16 GIRLS – ANNABEL CURLE SIXTH.

U-16 BOYS – GEORGE GRIFFITHS SEVENTH.

TRACK ATHLETICS: COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – SENIOR BOYS WINNERS CAPTAIN: OLIVER TROTMAN.

SENIOR GIRLS WINNERS CAPTAIN: LOUISE EDWARDS.

JUNIOR GIRLS WINNERS CAPTAIN: MIRIAM BENNETT.

COUNTY KNOCK-OUT CUP – UNDER-14 GIRLS AND UNDER-16 GIRLS COUNTY A CUP FINALISTS.

UNDER-16 BOYS – COUNTY A CUP FINALISTS.

UNDER-14 BOYS – COUNTY A CUP WINNERS CAPTAIN: TOM TROTMAN.

WELSH SCHOOL KNOCK OUT CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS – UNDER-14 BOYS – CAPTAIN: TOM TROTMAN RUNNERS-UP; TEAM: RIAN THOMAS, BEN JONES, ALEX LOVE, ELLIS ROSSER, KRISTIAN JONES, TOBY WALKER, NATHAN ROBSON, JOSEF TREHARNE, CRAIG BOXALL.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS – YEAR-7 – 1,000M WALK JOSHUA EVANS; YEAR-7 1,500M SEREN ALLIN.

JUNIOR BOYS – 100M & LONG JUMP GEORGE GRIFFITHS; JUNIOR BOYS 200M & HIGH JUMP TOM TROTMAN; JUNIOR BOYS SHOT PUTT JOSEF GAUGHAN; JUNIOR BOYS DISCUS HARRI DOWELL BENNETT.

MIDDLE GIRLS 3,000M MIRRIAM BENNETT.

SENIOR GIRLS JAVELIN GEORGINA JACKSON; SENIOR GIRLS 1,500M SABRINA JAMES; SENIOR GIRLS 3,000M HOLLY PREEST; SENIOR GIRLS HIGH JUMP NICOLE COLLIER.

SENIOR BOYS TRIPLE JUMP SAM BUNKHAM.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION – JUNIOR BOYS COMBINED EVENTS GEORGE GRIFFITHS FIRST; JUNIOR BOYS 100M GEORGE GRIFFITHS SECOND; JUNIOR BOYS LONG JUMP & RELAY GEORGE GRIFFITHS FIRST; JUNIOR BOYS COMBINED EVENTS TOM TROTMAN SECOND; JUNIOR BOYS 200M TOM TROTMAN SIXTH; JUNIOR BOYS HIGH JUMP & RELAY TOM TROTMAN FIRST; JUNIOR BOYS DISCUS HARRI DOWELL BENNETT FORTH; JUNIOR BOYS DISCUS HARRI DOWELL BENNETT FIFTH; JUNIOR BOYS COMBINED EVENTS SCOTT LAKEN TENTH; JUNIOR BOYS SHOT PUTT JOSEF GAUGHAN SECOND.

JUNIOR GIRLS HIGH JUMP ANNABEL CURLE FIFTH; JUNIOR GIRLS COMBINED EVENTS ANNABEL CURLE THIRD; JUNIOR GIRLS 100M & RELAY IZZY EDDY WILLIAMS FIFTH.

BADMINTON: SOUTH WALES SCHOOL UNDER-16 BOYS U-16 BOYS WINNERS CAPTAIN: RHYS MALLOWS; TEAM: WILLIAM PAINTER, JAMES HENDY, MATTHEW GOODLAD.

SOUTH WALES SCHOOL U-16 GIRLS WINNERS CAPTAIN: JESSICA OLIVER; TEAM: LOIS PAMER, JORDAN CARPENTER, NIA PATEL.

WELSH TOP SCHOOLS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT – U-16 GIRLS – JESSICA OLIVER, JORDAN CARPENTER RUNNERS-UP LOIS PALMER & NIA PATEL.

U-16 BOYS – RHYS MALLOWS, JAMES HENDY THIRD, WILLIAM PAINTER, MATTHEW GOODLAD.

SKIING: SOUTH AND CENTRAL WALES ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENT GIRLS A TEAM EMILY HOPKINS, AMY TAYLOR WINNERS, SARAH WILLIAMS AND HANNAH TAYLOR.

BOYS A TEAM HARRY HITCHCOCK, MATTHEW GOODLAD WINNERS, GEORGE SPILL AND JAMIE GRIFFITHS.

BOYS B TEAM BEN JONES, BEN THOMAS, RUNNERS-UP, NICKY GRIFFITHS AND HARRY HOPKINS.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL WALES ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – NON-REGISTERED U-15 GIRLS – CATLIN JONES RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-17 GIRLS HANNAH TAYLOR RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-19 GIRLS AMY TAYLOR WINNER; NON-REGISTERED U-19 GIRLS MANON THOMAS RUNNER-UP.

NON-REGISTERED U-13 BOYS – HARRY HOPKINS WINNER; NON-REGISTERED U-13 BOYS HENRY JONES RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-15 BOYS BEN JONES WINNER; NON-REGISTERED U-15 BOYS BEN THOMAS RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-17 BOYS HARRY HITCHCOCK WINNER; NON-REGISTERED U-17 BOYS MATTHEW GOODLAD RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-19 BOYS JAMIE GRIFFITHS WINNER.

REGISTERED U-19 GIRLS EMILY HOPKINS WINNER; REGISTERED U-19 GIRLS SARAH WILLIAMS RUNNER-UP; REGISTERED U-19 BOYS GEORGE SPILL WINNER.

WELSH SCHOOLS ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENT – GIRLS A TEAM EMILY HOPKINS, HANNAH TAYLOR, SARAH WILLIAMS AND AMY TAYLOR WINNERS.

BOYS A TEAM GEORGE SPILL, HARRY HITCHCOCK, JACK PHILLIPS AND JAMIE GRIFFITHS WINNERS.

WELSH SCHOOLS ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – NON-REGISTERED U-15 GIRLS AMY OLIVER RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-15 GIRLS HANNAH TAYLOR WINNER; REGISTERED U-17 GIRLS EMILY HOPKINS U-17S WINNER; OVERALL GIRLS WINNER; SARAH WILLIAMS RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-15 BOYS MATTHEW GOODLAD RUNNER-UP; NON-REGISTERED U-18 BOYS JACK PHILLIPS WINNER; REGISTERED U-18 BOYS GEORGE SPILL OVERALL BOYS WINNER; BEST SKIER NON WELSH SQUAD.

BRITISH SCHOOLS ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – GIRLS INDIVIDUAL EMILY HOPKINS THIRD.

BRITISH ALPINE SCHOOLS SNOW CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENT – BOYS TEAM – GEORGE SPILL, HARRY HITCHCOCK, EIGHT (MEIRINGEN, SWITZERLAND) JACK PHILLIPS, MATTHEW GOODLAD.

GIRLS TEAM – EMILY HOPKINS, SARAH WILLIAMS & (FLAINE, FRANCE) AMY TAYLOR TENTH.

TENNIS: U-15 SOUTH WALES AND CARDIFF & THE VALE SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS CAPTAIN: MATTHEW KAMAL, TEAM: DAVID HUMPHRIES, SAM WOOD, THEO MANN (AGEON National Tennis Championships to be played in September).

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

SOUTH WALES U-16 TEAM JONATHAN HUMPHRIES.

SLALOM CANOEING: WELSH DEVELOPMENT SQUAD MARIAGA BAILEY.

ROWING: WELSH NATIONAL ERGO CHAMPIONSHIPS GREG JERWOOD FIFTH; LLOYD ELMS TENTH.

5 X 60: TOP ATTENDEE FEMALE OF THE 5 X 60 SCHEME MEGAN MCNAMEE; TOP ATTENDEE MALE OF THE 5 X 60 SCHEME HARVEY STOCKFORD.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S GEM FOR MORE RESULTS FROM THE PRESENTATION EVENING

LORRY DRIVER DIES TRYING TO AVOID DANGEROUSLY OVERLOADED TRANSIT

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Suddenly, the lorry turned left across the hard shoulder and descended a steep embankment.

The white van, said Mr Davies, had gone out of control and had been on its side in the path of the Volvo.

"Mr Jones, aged 51, had been faced with a dilemma, and selflessly he took evasive action.

"The van had been travelling at a speed of up to 68mph.

"It went out of control because it

was grossly overladen," said Mr Davies.

One of the effects was to compress the vehicle's suspension.

Witnesses had seen Mr Jones observing proper lane discipline and driving at an appropriate speed.

The van was about to overtake him in lane two, but it began to weave from side-to-side, had a glancing collision with the lorry, went out of control into lane three, then went into a "critical yaw" and toppled over in front of the

Volvo. When it went down the embankment, the Volvo hit a tree. The defendants suffered only minor injuries.

Alex Greenwood, for Casey, said: "This was a tragic sequence of events which stemmed from the van being overloaded."

He said a rear tyre had been repaired in the past and could have blown out, contributing to the loss of control.

"Sadly, he made a mistake, a serious criminal mistake. No day passes with-

out him dwelling on the consequences, and he offers sincere apologies."

Alan Fuller, for Anwar, claimed there was good reason for the sentence to be suspended.

"The word tragedy applies in this case on many levels. Anwar's community cannot speak more highly of him. His life will never be the same and he is scarred by what happened.

"It was not a case of deliberately overloading for commercial benefit. He is not a risk-taker and he is spoken

of in superlatives."

Judge Niclas Parry said: "This was a tragedy involving three decent men, all hard-working and highly regarded and devoted to their families."

He said the pair made a joint decision to take onto a public road a grossly overloaded vehicle and the effect must have been visibly obvious.

He added that no sentence he passed could reflect the magnitude of the loss of Mr Jones' family.

Report by AJ SICLUNA

End of term news from Pencoed Comprehensive School Pupils experience wide range of activities

DURING the last few weeks of term, all pupils were provided with new and exciting opportunities to experience a wide range of activities, whilst also working on achieving Key Skills qualifications in communication, application of numbers and ICT.

Activities were led by school staff as well as external organisations. For example, as part of their creative arts day, year-7 pupils had an opportunity to work with Tornado Films on specialist camera equipment and also designed animation storyboards, created film posters, composed film music and worked on special effects.

Year-7 pupils also took part in a CSI (crime scene investigation) led by the science department and enjoyed

a day of activities ranging from hair and beauty, street dance, junk jewellery to football skills, organised by the Llanharan Drop-In Centre.

The geography department led pupils from year-8 on a range of ESDGC (education for sustainable development) activities which as well as classroom-based activities, included visits to the Cardiff Bay Barrage and a presentation by Phil Williams of Plan-It ECO.

Year-8 pupils worked on a community project, which included a session talking to members of the school's senior citizens lunchtime club about their youth.

Year-9 spent time working on their sports leaders' awards and year-10 enjoyed an enterprise day led by EBP (Education Business Partnership) as well as Dragon's Den sessions.

Funky Dragon led team building exercises for some year-10 pupils.

Also as part of the learning core activities, a number of pupils went on Duke of Edinburgh

Expeditions.

Following on from rigorous preparation and dummy expeditions, 31 year-12 pupils took part in a three day silver expedition to the Gower and 61 year-10 pupils spent two days on two separate bronze expeditions in the Vale. Well done all of those who took part - including the staff who were just as sunburnt, wet and tired as the pupils when they returned to school.

Thank you to staff at the Llanharan Drop-In Centre for their support during the expeditions.

Mr Tecwyn Roberts, non formal learning co-ordinator at the school, planned and led all the expeditions.

Congratulations to pupils whose contributions to school life and attendance records were celebrated in the years 7, 8 & 9 achievement ceremonies. We're also proud to have been awarded the ICT BECTA Quality Mark at the end of term for the use of ICT throughout the school.

The geography department at Pencoed Comprehensive School recently visited Sorrento

in Italy.

They had an action-packed tour of the area that included a guided tour of the ruins of Herculaneum, an ascent of Mount Vesuvius, a trip along the stunning, rugged cliffs of the Amalfi Coast and a hydrofoil crossing to the idyllic Island of Capri that included a coastline boat tour.

Pupils and staff learnt lots about the restless nature of this European tectonic area. Mr Pownall, head of geography, would like to thank all the staff and pupils who made the trip such a success.

Another set of pupils have also just returned from an exchange visit to Waldsassen. We welcomed a number of pupils from Waldsassen to the school last July and the visit was reciprocated this year.

Pupils and staff alike enjoyed the generous hospitality of the host families and appreciated the ample opportunities provided to enjoy school life in Germany and the German culture.

A visit to Munich was one of the highlights of the visit.

ful occasion.

Congratulations to those appointed to the senior prefect team for the next academic year, namely Ross Bowen (Head Boy), Rhiannon Mills (Head Girl), Zack Franks, James Burnett, Bloddyn Jury (Deputy Head Boys) and Rebecca Morgan, Hannah Gilbert, Emily Phillips (Deputy Head Girls).

Congratulations also to those pupils who took part in the Project 1932 memory books project led by Dr Louisa Evans.

Pupils from Pencoed Comprehensive School's 6th form had met regularly with residents at Glanffwrdd Nursing Home to create these individual books recording some of the residents' own personal history and memories.

Prizes were awarded recently at Glanffwrdd by Huw Irranca Davies MP to the winners, namely Sophie Thompson (1st), Rebecca Morgan (2nd), Rhiannon Mills & Hayley Selway (3rd).

Congratulations to them and also all the other pupils who took part in this worthwhile project, namely, Catrin Lyddon, Emily Phillips, Charmaine Miers, Hannah Gilbert, Rhian Simmonds and Danielle Richards.

The 6th formers and Year 11 pupils also arranged successful Prom evenings at the end of term, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

STAFF NEWS
BEST WISHES to Enid Connick, Jayne Jenkins and Rose Thomas, who retired at the end of term.

Between them the three had given nearly a 100 years service to the school, so best wishes to them all for a very well earned retirement!

Best wishes also to Robert Green who starts his new post as Assistant Headteacher at Barry Comprehensive School in September.



Max Brennan and Daniel Jakeway receive expert tuition in camera work from Antony Smith

In September, we look forward to welcoming Danielle Smith as Deputy Head of the English department, John Dickinson, science teacher and Anna Rue, PE teacher and non formal learning officer. Carol Howell and Lisa Hinder will also be joining our team of kitchen staff.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Sunday car boot sales organised by Friends of Pencoed Comprehensive School will continue on the school site from 9am on the following dates - August 14th, September 11th, and October 9th. The cost per car is £5. For further details, contact the organisers on 01656 863767/768923.

The Senior Citizens Lunches resume on Tuesday, September 6.

Lunches are held in the school during term time at 12pm every Tuesday and Thursday.

If you haven't attended these lunches before, please just come along to reception. Our 6th formers and canteen staff will be ready to welcome you.

If you want any further details please contact the school on 01656 867100.

The Zone after-school club/childcare provision starts back again on September 5th. Led by qualified playleaders from the Llanharan Drop-In Centre.

The Zone offers a wide range of activities for young people aged 9 and above for a very reasonable price.

For further details please telephone Llanharan Drop In Centre on 01443 229723.

LOOKING AHEAD

WE look forward to seeing pupils on the external examinations results

days - A & AS level on Thursday, August 18 and GCSE level on Thursday, August 25.

A special welcome to new year-7 pupils who will be joining us in September. Pupils from the cluster schools spent two days in the school recently familiarising themselves with the school site, staff and routines.

They also enjoyed a range of dance, music and drama performances prepared especially for their visit. Hopefully, any concerns they may have about going to the 'big school' will have been allayed by this visit.

Next term, staff return to school on Thursday, September 1. All pupils return on Monday, September 5.

To keep up to date with school activities please log on to our new website (pencoedcs.bridgend.sch.uk), designed by our ICT network manager, Gavin Downes.



Southerndown WI in danger of closing

IF nobody comes forward at the AGM to sit on committee and accept the presidency, then the demise of Southerndown WI seems imminent.

That was the sober warning given to members at the July meeting and president Rhiannon Gaen asked them to give serious thought to the situation over the summer break.

Southerndown WI was formed in 1948 (one original member is resident in a local nursing home). Cometh the hour, cometh the man - or woman. Let optimism prevail!

There was discussion about funding and cost of a trip in August. Hopefully, after differing views, a

democratic decision was reached. A trip to Swansea museum will take place on August 11. Southerndown WI still intends to give a donation to Southerndown Surf Life Saving Club.

Entertainment was given by Pamela Robson and her husband. They had lived for some years at Port Sunlight and Pamela gave an excellent talk, accompanied by slides, about Port Sunlight and William Lever, founder of this model village.

There is no meeting in August apart from the outing, but during this 'silly season', members please consider the future of Southerndown WI.

BRENDA MEREDITH

It's a Knockout cops a total of £25,000 for Ty Hafan Hospice with 'wacky' challenges at Waterton Cross

ON SUNDAY, the rugby pitch at Waterton welcomed 'It's a Knockout' competitors from across Wales - 27 teams took part in wet and wacky challenges, one of which included South Wales Police rugby players.

In sunny conditions, competitors completed sack races, bouncy castle basketball, sponge throwing, muddy wellington, tug of war, plus many other activities.

Assistant Chief Constable Matt Jukes, who joined the rugby fundraising team, said: "It was an amazing day and it was brilliant to see so many families having a fun day out.

"We were proud to be one of the event sponsors, and it was great to welcome so many people to the home of our rugby team."

South Wales Police RFC player/manager Steve Lyons said: "We were all very proud to take part and support such a great charity as Ty Hafan. It certainly provided a different type of training ahead of the new season!"

It is expected that the event will raise over £25,000 for Ty Hafan children's hospice at Sully.



Photograph by
GARETH DAVIES

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Who are we, and what do we do?

IT is not unusual for me to get telephone enquiries about what the Penarth Computer Club does.

I happily chat to the caller for a minute or two and try to get across some thoughts straight-away.

We are a friendly club and not at all intimidating. We are not computer geeks, merely a group of people who would like to know a bit more about how to use computers; what we can do with them and perhaps what they will be able to do in the near future.

All this is out of general interest rather than because anyone wants to become a technical expert.

There is no pre-requisite skill level required before joining and people can learn and improve at their own pace. We are the place where people can come and be helped as they get started and continue to enjoy friendly assistance and advice as and when they feel ready for it.

We recognise mixed ability and the variety of

interest there is in the many aspects of using computers. It is impossible to deal with everything at once, but we have a plan of action.

We start in September to deal with the basic essentials of getting started. Next, we review the things that we wish someone had told us when we started. (Experts tend to forget to tell you useful things because they assume you already know them - we don't!).

Meetings are generally in the form of a short session (15-20 minutes) as a 'how-to-do-it' detail of basic computing and a talk (45 minutes) on a larger topic to show what can be done. Topics are selected in response to the wishes of members.

To expand the range of topics, we have an occasional 'Brains Trust' meeting to cover more immediate questions.

In any event, questions can be taken from the 'floor' at any time during the talks and the speaker is happy to go over points more than once if asked.

Now and then we invite guest speakers to

talk on topics of a more general computing interest, such as where is the technology going and how will it affect our lives.

Doors open at 7.30pm and talks start at 8pm for about an hour. If appropriate, notes are handed out and the meetings are reported in the press and on our website.

Meetings have been known to overrun when interest sparks interaction with the speaker - a feature that is always welcome. Tea and biscuits are provided after the talks and there is the opportunity to chat with other members; perhaps to discuss a particular common area of computing interest.

Our aim is to keep moving with the times. We have embraced digital photography; emails; internet telephone calls; and family history

research.

The current fashionable trend is how to establish simple home networks to cope with the growing number of households with more than one computer.

Visit our website penarthcomputerclub.co.uk for more information. Enjoy your summer; we are back in September.

HOWARD DESMOND

MP is the 'business buddy' for a day at Llandow firm

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns, carried out a 'work experience placement' at a Cowbridge firm, in order to see at first hand the challenges facing small businesses in today's tough economic climate.

He visited Woodspec Joinery Specialists Ltd on Vale Business Park, Llandow, on July 21, as part of the business buddy scheme, recently launched by the Forum of Private Business - a not-for-profit small business support organisation of which John Williams, owner of Woodspec Joinery Specialists, is a member.

Mr Cairns said: "Business Buddy aims to foster a greater understanding of small businesses among politicians by providing them with hands-on experience of day-to-day life at a firm in their constituency."

Mr Williams said: "It was a very interesting meeting and thanks to Alun's visit, I found out about a forthcoming tax reduction which I wasn't aware of. Often with these sorts of things, you wonder if you will be wasting your time but it was very worthwhile, no doubt about it."

Mr Cairns commented: "It was great to hear first-hand about the real issues facing small businesses in the Vale."

"Some of the major barriers for business growth and development for smaller companies in the Vale are poor broadband speed and the lack of mobile coverage across the Vale."

"I'm keen to continue with the campaign to bring high-speed, reliable broadband to all parts of the rural Vale as soon as possible."

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Family Notices

THOMAS John Vaughan

Formerly of 15 Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major and lately of Neath.

Much loved husband of Iris (nee Flanders), wonderful father to Katherine and the late Steven. Respected and admired father in law to John. Adored by his grandson Lee and granddaughter Amy.

Passed over on Sunday 24th July 2011 at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.

Funeral service in St Illtud's Church Llantwit Major on Tuesday 2nd August 2011 at 2pm, followed by interment in Boverton Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors, all enquiries to W A Brown & Son Llantwit Major 01446 792489.

CUMMINGS Robert (Bob)

Peacefully on 24th July in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bob aged 61 years of Llantwit Major. Much loved brother to Anne, devoted partner to Hilary and a loving uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

Resting at W A Brown & Son, Pembroke House Llantwit Major until the service in St Illtud's Church on Thursday 4th August 2011 at 10-00am. Afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only please but if wished donations may be sent to Velindre Hospital Cardiff.

All enquiries to W A Brown & Son 01446 792489.

ALEXANDER Joan

Peacefully on July 25, surrounded by her family at her home in Llantwit Major, Joan, beloved wife of Keith, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Craig, Philip and Caroline, Julie and Alex, devoted Farmor Maude of Sam, Maja and Mali.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday August 1, service 12.30pm at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Methodist Lane, Llantwit Major followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.45pm.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce, CF62 3DZ.

Birthday Memories

Birthday Memories of the late Thomas K Farman 31/7/2011

*Although we're not together,
We will never be apart,
Because you have that special place,
Right here within my heart.
Your loving wife, Gwyneth.*

Congratulations



SARA DAVIES
of Geraint's Way,
Cowbridge, graduated in style, receiving a 2:1 Bsc Honours in Social Science from Cardiff University.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER (OTHER THAN AN ACQUISITION EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 3 LLANGAN
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2011

The above order, made on 7th day of July 2011, under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert Public Footpath No 3 Llangan from the alignment A-B-C to the alignment A-F as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to the Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration, Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT not later than 25th day of August 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the order as an unopposed order. If the order is sent to the Welsh Assembly Government for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the order.

Dated 28th day of July 2011

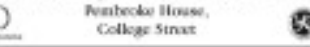
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Birthdays

Look who's

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ANDREW

'NAILS' STAPLES
on 29 July 2011

Have a Fab day.

Lots of love
from all the family. XXX

Nicole Goodman

18th Birthday

Wishing you a

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Birthday on 31st July.

– Have a great day,

Lots of love, Mum, Dad & James x x x

Happy 29th Birthday SIMON

on 31st July, 2011

The last 7 years have been
the best of my life.

Love you always, Kate xxx

Birth Notices

Jenn & Geoff Herman

are pleased to announce the arrival of



Annie Marie
on 4th July, 2011

Second daughter of Natts and Nick
and little sister to Amelia.

Love to all x x

Funeral Directors

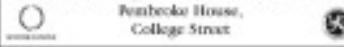
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M D BURNELL
Trafnidiaeth
Lywodraeth Cymru

Atodlen 1

(Bras amcan yw pob mesuriad)

Disgrifiad o'r rhannau o briffordd sydd i'w chau o dan y Gorchymyn hwn.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue â'r ffordd bennaf sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 12 i 26, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y man troi sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 12 i 26, sy'n 40.5 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 14 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cyfanswm ei arwynebedd yn 271 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 1 ar y plan a adeuwyd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue â'r ffordd bennaf sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 52 i 82, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y cylch troi, sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 52 i 82, sy'n 26 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 16.3 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cyfanswm ei arwynebedd yn 275 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 2 ar y plan a adeuwyd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue â'r ffordd bennaf sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 27 i 59, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y man troi, sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 27 i 59, sy'n 20.6 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.7 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cyfanswm ei arwynebedd yn 228 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 3 ar y plan a adeuwyd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o gyffordd Chelsea Avenue â'r ffordd bennaf sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 108 i 122, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y cylch troi, sy'n gwasanaethu plotiau 108 i 122, sy'n 31.5 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.3 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cyfanswm ei arwynebedd yn 334 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 4 ar y plan a adeuwyd.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sâl o briffordd sy'n ymestyn o ddechrau'r cylch troi sy'n gyfagos i blot 154, Chelsea Avenue i ddiwedd y cylch troi y tu allan i blot 157, Chelsea Avenue, sy'n 24.9 o fetrau o hyd yn ei man hiraf, yn 18.6 o fetrau yn ei man lletaf ac y mae cyfanswm ei arwynebedd yn 327 o fetrau sgwâr, ac fe'i nodir yn rhan 5 ar y plan a adeuwyd.

Atodlen 2

Y Datblygiad.

Aiddatblygiad datblygiad tai cymdeithasol presennol i dderparu 116 o arddedau sy'n golygu cau'r Hydd pencaeddi preswyl presennol gan osod yn ei le gynllun priffordd newydd yn Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, yn Mwyddestref Siro Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn unol â chariatâd cynllunio a roddwyd o dan Rhan 18 o Ddeddf 1990 gan Gyngor Bwrdeistref Siro Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr ar 1 Mehefin 2011 o dan y cyfeirnod P09AG67FUL.

A copy of this Notice in larger print can be obtained from Welsh Government, Transport, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

The Stopping up of Highways (Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, Bridgend) Order 201-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers propose to make an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to authorise the stopping up of the area of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

If the Order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable development described in Schedule 2 to this Notice to be carried out. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

During the 28 days from 28 July 2011, copies of the draft Order and the deposited plan may be inspected free of charge at Bridgend Reference and Information Centre, Tŷ'r Ardd, Sunnyside, Bridgend CF31 4AR during normal office hours or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting reference C2510-5-53-q49419191.

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Welsh Government, Transport, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ, object to the making of the Order.

Please note: Should you wish to object, support or make representations, we may need to consult with people and organisations outside of the Welsh Government. As part of the process of consulting with others the information you have given us and your personal data will be passed to the applicant/developer and on occasion the local highway authority to enable them to respond to you. We will however, only disclose your personal details where it is necessary to do so to enable us to deal with issues you have brought to our attention. Where a Stopping Up Order becomes the subject of a Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector of the Inquiry and is kept in the PI Library when it is publicly available.

A copy of the Order and Notice can be viewed at the Welsh Government's website at www.wales.gov.uk (Select: Legislation/Subordinate Legislation/Draft Legislation/Draft Non Statutory Instruments/Town and Country Planning Act Stopping Up Order).

M D BURNELL
Transport
Welsh Government

Schedule 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the areas of highway to be stopped up under this Order.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 12 to 26, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning head serving plots 12 to 26, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 40.5 metres, a maximum width of 14 metres, a total area of 271 square metres, and identified as area 1 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 52 to 82, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning circle serving plots 52 to 82, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 26 metres, a maximum width of 16.3 metres, a total area of 275 square metres, and identified as area 2 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 27 to 59, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning head serving plots 27 to 59, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 20.6 metres, a maximum width of 18.7 metres, a total area of 228 square metres, and identified as area 3 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the junction of Chelsea Avenue with the cul-de-sac serving plots 108 to 122, Chelsea Avenue, to the end of the turning circle serving plots 108 to 122, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 31.5 metres, a maximum width of 18.3 metres, a total area of 334 square metres, and identified as area 4 on the deposited plan.

An irregularly shaped area of highway extending from the start of the turning circle adjacent to plot 154, Chelsea Avenue to the end of the turning circle outside plot 157, Chelsea Avenue, having a maximum length of 24.9 metres, a maximum width of 18.6 metres, a total area of 327 square metres, and identified as area 5 on the deposited plan.

Schedule 2

The Development.

Redevelopment of existing social housing development to provide 116 dwellings involving the stopping up of existing residential cul-de-sacs to be replaced by a new highway layout at Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, in the County Borough of Bridgend in accordance with planning permission granted under Part 81 of the Act of 1990 by the Council on 1 June 2011 under reference P09AG67FUL.



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Ladies and juniors shine at St Andrews

AFTER two days of rain and wind, a suspension of play due to flooded greens on the first day and windy conditions on the second day, the St Andrews ladies' club championship produced some excellent results.

Well done to all the ladies who took part in this gruelling two day event, commiserations to Liz Martin who had to pull out of the second day with a bad shoulder; also hard luck to the lady captain Jane Lott who, despite not feeling well enough to play on the second day, still walked the course with the other lady competitors.

The after-match proceedings were presented by the club captain John Bryan and the ladies trophies were presented by lady captain, Jane Lott.

Lynne Peters graciously accepted her plate for the best nett score and Candice LeFaucheur accepted her Cup for overall lady club championship (gross).

Sarah Gronow not only achieved third in the nett but she also won the July medal which was run simultaneously on the second championship day.

Full results for gross scores over the two days: First, Candice LeFaucheur 167 gross,

second, Deana Jukes 180 gross, and third, Bridie Lynch 190 gross.

The nett results over the two days were: First, Lynne Peters 141 nett, second, Denise Lloyd 146 nett and third, Sarah Gronow 151 nett.

Well done to all the ladies who took part and made this, yet again, a memorable event.

The junior section goes from strength to strength and it was great to see some fantastic shots from the players who will be the future stars of this club.

There were also three young girls who played both days, in very poor weather conditions, but competed well and still came in smiling.

Well done to Alan Bannister, John Bryan, Roger Parsons and Mike Edwards who accompanied the groups of juniors on both days and shared their despair when shots did not go right and their jubilation when they did – especially Daniel Thomas' eagle on the 12th.

Junior championship results over two days (gross): First, Connor Norris 173 gross, second Jordan Taylor 175 gross and third, Harry Lewis 177 gross.

Junior championship results over two days (nett): First, Daniel Thomas 131 nett, second, Louis Declaire 141 nett and third, Callum Taylor 142 nett.

Junior open at Cottrell Park is a big draw



Above:
Morgan Thomas and Kieron Harmon.

SUNDAY, July 10 saw another successful junior open at Cottrell Park, St Nicholas.

A total of 73 competitors from 15 different golf clubs across south Wales took part in competitions, which were organised to cater for all ages and abilities, ranging from ages 7-18 years.

Good sunny weather and a selection of trophies and medals helped to make this a memorable day for all.

One of the presentations included organiser Morgan Thomas and junior team captain Kieron Harmon.

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NEWS FROM THE BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

PUPILS BRING THE
(FULL) HOUSE DOWN!

Bradley Miller, as Nicely Nicely from the show Guys & Dolls, singing 'Sit Down You're Rocking The Boat'.



BARRY Comprehensive School's faculty of creative arts raised the roof recently with its third annual stage and screen production, showcasing songs from musical theatre and film.

The show was performed to a full house over two nights and included performances by pupils from all year groups, both on stage singing and playing live in the band.

For some performers, it was their first time in front of an audience, while others are now veterans of the school stage. All the performances were of the high calibre audiences have come to expect from a Barry Comprehensive School production, and were a result of weeks of hard work in rehearsal, supported by the detailed planning of the production team who managed sound, lights and the occasional pyrotechnic.

Members of the audience offered very positive comments on both evenings and were pleased to learn that planning is already under way for Macbeth and Evita in the autumn term.



James Sullivan and Adam Case singing 'Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend'.

Bryn Hafren students are
awarded their certificates

BRYN HAFREN Comprehensive School held its awards ceremony for 2011 at Barry Memorial Hall on July 5.

The certificates were handed out by former boxing champion and media pundit Nicky Piper who was presented with a cheque for Peterston Super Ely Church-in-Wales Junior School.

PHOTOGRAPHS
BY IAN DIXONBarry Romilly A
continue their
winning streak
of victories...

BARRY Romilly A welcomed Gelligalea to their green on a sunny afternoon for their seventh league game.

After great results in their previous three games they were in good spirit and with high hopes of a victory.

Rink 2, skipped by Vince McFarland, got off to a balanced start with the scores even until the fifth end when Romilly started to pull away.

With consistent service from his front two and great drawing shots when required from his third they were able to pull away from their opponents.

However, their opposition were not to lay down without a fight and constantly kept nipping at the Romilly men's heels.

At the end of play the Romilly men came out on top by 21 shots to 14 winning 12 ends.

K Clements, R Phillips, J Jones, V McFarland (21) v E Jenkins, R Morgan, C Bevan, P Jones (14).

Rink 3 skipped by Bill Hewitt won the first five ends comfortably with an 8 shots to 1 lead.

The next 4 ends brought a mini fight back by their opponents bringing the score to 8-6 by the ninth end.

The Romilly men then took over the game from this point and scoring 1s and 2s won convincingly with a score of 21 shots to 9 winning 13 ends.

C Davies, A Burdge, D Bannister, W Hewitt (21) v E Hughes, J Fyfe, I G Jones, P David (9).

Rink 4, skipped by Bryn Gough got off to a tremendous start scoring 5 shots on the first end.

This was followed by two 3s, a 1 and a 6 in the next four ends to bring their score to 18 shots to 0 after only 5 ends.

The unfortunate Gelligalea four could not have known what had hit them.

They did try to rally back in the next 16 ends but were faced with the constant scoring of 1s and 2s from the Romilly four who won the rink

by 28 shots to 9, also winning 13 ends.

K Wessgate Sr, P Gershenson, A Jones, B Gough (28) v M Williams, R Hutchinson, D Jones, R Williams (9).

Rink 5, skipped by Alfie Woolcock, got off to a very slow start and were one shot down at 5-6 on the ninth end.

After this point they seemed to find their way and with good scores of three 1s, two 2s, three 3s and an impressive 5 on the 15th end they stormed into a big lead, winning the rink by 29 shots to 12 and claiming 14 of the 21 ends.

L Jones, J Coles, R Hewitson, A Woolcock

(29) v J Gregory, M Jenkins, D Hughes, F Knight (12).

The captain, Keith Clements, congratulated his team on their convincing victory and did express his thanks to the club side players that turned up in support of the team after their fixture had been postponed due to WBA commitments.

The result of this game has put Barry Romilly A in first position of the CML Fourth Division – a place they have not witnessed for a long time.

Game score: Barry Romilly 14 (99 shots), Gelligalea 0 (44 shots).

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Cadoxton
slip against
St Peters

CADOXTON'S season suffered another set back when they hosted an ML3 game against St Peter's.

Things were looking rosy for most of the game, but once again the advantage was conceded in the final stages. After eight ends all rinks were leading and the overall supremacy was 33 shots.

Howard Craven was leading 14-2 on his rink. Don Kuhnell held a 13-1 advantage.

Graham Brown was 15-7 in front, and Kelvin Chedgoy had a narrow one shot margin, after commencing with a 7-0 score-line after four ends.

Both rinks skipped by Howard and Don held their dominance throughout the game to complete good wins.

However, the form of the other two deteriorated and the gap shortened dramatically.

After the penultimate end was played the aggregate scores, which had been held throughout, were level.

The first two rinks off both dropped a single.

Graham Brown made three, with a measure for four, with his first bowl.

Meanwhile, Don was in a quandary on whether to attempt to take out a close shot against with his last bowl to make four, but if it went wrong there would be a count against.

As a result a poor attempt was made. The shots held by Graham were overturned by the opposing skip with his final bowl, making a possible single.

The attempt to take it

out was foiled with a slight nick on a short bowl.

T Bishop, L Davies, A Brown, G Brown 21-27;

Crout, I Robertson D Brook, H Craven 25-14; G Solomon, L Cundliffe, J Davies, D Kuhnell 20-11; P Ellis, H Hellyar, W Vaughan, K Chedgoy 12-30. Final score: 78-82.

Cadoxton A v Ystrad Mynach A - ML5

A double defeat came about when the A side travelled to Ystrad Mynach for their ML5 match.

They returned with just one winning rink which was skipped by John Stewart who finished with a flourish to overcome a five shot deficit, by scoring eight shots over the final four ends.

Roy Harding's rink held a two shot lead with four ends left but conceded six whilst scoring just one.

Graham Garland's rink were in the game up until the tenth end, but then five '4's put paid to any chance of success.

The rink skipped by Alan Carpenter scored six in the first two ends, however only eight more shots were added, during the remainder of the game whilst 25 were amassed against.

G Powell, R Cole, G Davies, R Harding 17-20; B Knight, R Doble, L Adams, G Garland 13-37; S Clements, D Collard, J Sugden, A Carpenter, 14-25; J Stacey, L Tanner, M Curtis, J Stewart 22-19. Final score: 66-101.

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A late burst puts Barry Athletic into Shield semi-finals

BARRY Athletic are just one game away from reaching the Carruthers Shield semi-finals at the all-Wales bowling finals at Llandrindod Wells next month.

They booked their place in the last eight with a thrilling success against Ystradfechan at Barry Island last Saturday.

In one of the most exciting games witnessed at the Island green, the home team snatched victory by six shots (75-69), with a tremendous late burst that brought them two match clinching sixes.

Ystradfechan had looked poised for a win as the game entered the final quarter, but top rink skip Glyn Thomas and captain Robert Horgan had other ideas.

Glyn's rink of Garry Gane, Dan Jones and Richard Cowling picked up a crucial six on their last end earning them a 22-15 win to take the honours in style.

Robert's lineup – young Steve McKernan, who is enjoying a great season, Luke Stanley and the vastly experienced DK Williams, trailed 10-19 with only three ends remaining.

They shook the confident opposing four with a six on the 19th end, boosting the overall score and placing the Barry club in the driving seat to the quarter finals.

Shots galore came Athletic's way across the board on the closing

ends with skips Chris Blake and Chris Wright's rinks both battling superbly to avoid defeat.

At the end of the day, Athletic, celebrating their centenary, must applaud the rinks of Messrs Thomas and Horgan for their part in what was a great win in a breathtaking photo-finish!

Barry Athletic, who last won the national competition that attracts more than 250 clubs in 1957, will now host Ammanford at the Island a week Saturday.

Ammanford knocked out holders Dinas Powys last Saturday.

Scores: G Gane, D Jones, R Cowling, G Thomas 22-15; S McKernan, L Stanley, DK Williams, R Horgan 18-19; J Beanland, P Webley, B Parrish, C Wright 17-17; D Snelling, K Harris, G Whittaker, C Blake 18-18.

Barry Athletic's PG2 squad maintained their top-of-the-table form with another maximum 14 points against Cardiff at Sophia Gardens last Saturday.

There were convincing wins for all four skips – Gareth Humphreys, John Donovan, Billy Wright and Colin Spillane – in what was a memorable day all round for the 100-year-old Barry Athletic Bowls Club.

Scores: J Ball, B Summerell, D Newman, G Humphreys 24-6; E Booker, D Coombs, I Stevenson, C Spillane 23-18; D Evans, P Clarke, M Vaughan, B Wright 26-10; C Phillips, R James, G Jones, J Donovan 24-10.

The Athletic's midweek team

registered their eighth Munro Cup win of the season when they beat visiting Cowbridge by 100 shots to 57 to collect a maximum 14 points.

Cowbridge, who play on an all-weather surface at home, found the green at Barry Island difficult to master.

However, the strong Athletic squad, captained by Alan Thomas soon adapted to the pace and two rinks had runaway scores.

Luke Stanley, recently recalled to the first team, skipped his rink to a 26-9 win with John Donovan giving good support at No.3, Ceri Rossiter playing his part at lead.

Billy Wright was in fine form with his rink having a 32-16 scorecard that included a six and two fives.

There were wins for Brian Whitlock (23-14) and Geoff Whittaker (19-18), while popular clubman John Jupp was back in action on Geoff's rink after illness.

Scores: D Coombs, J Jupp, C Spillane, G Whittaker 19-18; A Thomas, A Pidduck, G Jones, B Wright 32-16; C Rossiter, C Phillips, J Donovan, L Stanley 26-9; E Booker, J Morton, B Summerell, B Whitlock 23-14.

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Windsor men make history - AND THE TOP FLIGHT!

PENARTH Windsor Mens' first team has made club history by reaching the top flight of Welsh tennis.

The team has been promoted three years running and now finds itself in the elite Premier One Division next season.

Captain Dan Hughes, who took over at the tender age of 18, and has skipped the side through the three year winning run, paid tribute to the others in the squad - Dan Ellis, Tim Hartland, Jason Richards, Dan James, Tim Dawes, Tom Cole, Tom Sidford, Dyfri Owen and Guy Bradley.

The side has moved from Division One to Premier Three, Premier Two and now has a slot in the coveted top echelon of the Welsh game; in those three years, the team has lost just four matches.

Club chairman Peter Bellingham said he was delighted, adding: "It is the first time in the history of the club that we have had a mens' team in Premier One."

The Ladies first

team, meanwhile, face a nail-biting end to the season with a play off for promotion after beating Radyr 5-1 away.

They have lost just once this season and finished second in their division, and now face Bridgend in September in a battle to secure promotion to Premier Two.

Captain Beth Hughes was delighted with the 5-1 win over Radyr on the Cardiff team's home turf. The team of Beth Hughes and Leanne Mackey, Cathy O'Doherty and Sarah Parkhouse, Lowri Hughes and Bethan Pilcher pulled off the decisive win to seal an excellent season.

The club's men's seconds team under captain Jon Cox has also had an excellent season and will be promoted too, moving from Division Four to Division Three next season.

They too have been promoted three times in succession.

The Ladies' seconds and fourth teams also have chances of promotion with their final games this week to decide their fate.

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Skipper Dan Hughes with members of the Windsor Firsts on their way to Premier One after three successive promotions.

Lady bowlers have a very close week!

COWBRIDGE lady bowlers had two very close matches this week, both away.

In the first game, away to Cardiff BC at Sophia Gardens, they only just lost 34-42 in a Rose Bowl match.

Joan Bradley's rink of Pat Holdsworth, Mary Thomas and Pauline McAllen won well by 25-16, but May Jones' rink of Kay Edwards, Joy Woolford and Sue Flower lost 9-26.

In their next match, a friendly at Penarth, they had a good win by two points 40-38. The ladies had three new bowlers which made it good for them to have a win away.

Pat Davey's rink had a good win, 18-9, other members being Lynda Wilson, Sylvia Hole (a new bowler) and Joy Woolford.

In a very close game, Joan Bradley's rink of Marj Smith, Karen Every-Clayton (new bowler) and Kay Edwards won 12-11, with only Pauline McAllen's rink of Thelma Jones, Janet Morton (another new bowler) and Pat Holdsworth, captain for the day, losing 10-18.

Well done the ladies on two good games.

The men had two

contrasting results this week. We lost at Barry Athletic in a Munro Cup match by 56-100, losing on all four rinks.

Scores: Dennis Snelling's rink lost 8-26; Norman Wilkinson's rink lost 16-32; Peter Launder's rink lost 14-23; and in the only close game, Mike Bradley's rink of Danny Powell, Clive Pritchard and Mick Davey, just lost on the last end 18-19.

In our important league match, at home to fellow strugglers Wattstown, we won well 124-52, winning on all four rinks for 14 valuable points.

The best winning rink was Dennis Snelling's of Mansel Davey, Guy Morton and John Jones, with an easy win by 42-5.

Roger Barwick's rink of Terry Dunsdown, Ron Woolford and Peter Launder also won well 31-11, with the only close matches being on Norman Wilkinson's rink with Ron Frayling, Brian Williams and John Trott winning 24-16, and David Jones' rink of Charles Sanders, Len Taylor and Colin Wilson winning 27-20.

We need to keep picking up points at home to stay in the second division.

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Ewan Griffiths.

BARRY TOWN under-10 football squad held their presentation recently at Barry Town Football Club.

Managers Carl Helleman, Nick Harrihy and David Coyle presented the players with a representative trophy for the 2010/2011 season and praised them for their commitment and dedication.

The following players were presented with individual awards:

Most improved player



Tom Ansell.

of the year: Ewan Griffiths; top goal scorer: Tom Ansell; player's player of the year: Daniel Salter; manager's player of the year: Lloyd Gunter; clubman of the year: Sam Bowen.

The managers thanked all the players' families for their support and also Barry Town Football Club.

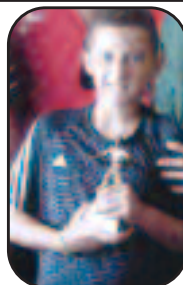
The managers and players would like to wish the Salter family all the best for their new life 'Down Under'.

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BARRY TOWN UNDER-10s CELEBRATE



Sam Bowen



Lloyd Gunter.

UNEXPECTED SUCCESS!

BOTH the ladies' and men's teams at Rhosee Bowling Club have achieved unexpected wins in recent matches.

In their last CDML match, the men travelled to Splott Phoenix and at the half-time break, Rhosee were losing by 47-33.

However, the team rallied in the second half and eventually secured a very close win. This rested on the final end of the last rink to finish, which was skipped by Len Owen.

Rhosee needed two shots to draw and three to win. They scored three

shots, to win overall by 73-72.

Rink results: PK Williams' rink lost 10-23; R Balls' rink won 16-14; Les Parsons' Jnr won 26-14 and Len Owen's rink drew 21-all.

The major success for the ladies team was an afternoon league win over arch rivals Cowbridge. Rhosee won by 45-41.

This was achieved by the margin of the win on the rink skipped by Rita Craig. They won by 23/4-14.

Considering Rhosee were forced to field a team two players short, the ladies were delighted with their win.

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Successful karate outing for the 'Rising Sun' club



ON Saturday, July 16 five members of the Rising-Sun Kyokushin Karate Club in Barry took part at the novice 'junior clicker' (continuous sparring), and adult knockdown event at Mountain Ash Conservative club.

First on was Brady Thomas (13), who took the round of contact kumite (sparring) by storm. He gained a unanimous decision by all of the referees against his agile opponent.

Second on was George Cocks (11), in the clicker. Unfortunately, after a close fight, the decision went to the Mountain Ash fighter.

Next on was Matthew Dixon in the novice

knockdown event.

Matthew moved well and almost downed his opponent with the spinning roundhouse kick, famous in kyokushin karate, but unfortunately his experienced brown belt opponent came back with a few techniques of his own and gained the win over Matthew.

Neil Griffiths had a similar experience in the same event, even though with his opponent giving everything he could, Neil seemed evenly matched throughout the bout.

Usually another round can take place if a decision by the judges cannot be reached, but due to this being a novice event designed to give competitors experience for international competition, a decision was made in favour of the Cardiff competitor.

The majority of officials and spectators agreed that if an extension round was granted, Neil would most certainly have gained the win.

Last on was Natasha Cunvin in the women's knockdown event.

Natasha gained wazari (half point) over her yellow belt opponent using shita tsuki (short punch) to the mid section.

Natasha dominated the three minute match and gained all the referees' decisions to claim the victory.

This was Natasha's second full contact match and she is beginning

preparations for this year's British Karate Kyokushinkai's Open Event at Crystal Palace in October.

The five club members came back with five trophies and medals as well as much needed experience for the upcoming coveted British event.

If anyone is interested in joining the BKK and the Rising-Sun Kyokushin Karate Club, contact Lee or Spencer Bennett on 07811110368 or visit the club website, www.rising-sun-kyokushin.co.uk.

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IF the fifth round of Llandow Kart Club's summer championship suffered a drop in numbers due to a clash with the latest Formula Kart Stars event, the action on the track meant that there could be few complaints.

The Llandow meeting was boosted by the addition of the Honda Challenge, which turned out at a venue renowned for the strength of its Honda classes over the years, but also continued to highlight the closely-matched competition in other categories.

The usually-busy Bambino class was restricted to just two runners on this occasion, with William Elsworth taking advantage of the

low numbers to get the better of Ffion Rees on each outing.

Former Bambino pacesetter George Al Williams made his first appearance in the Honda Cadet class but, with another 20 runners turning out in what was the biggest field of the day, he always had his work cut out to repeat his previous success.

Instead, it was left to familiar frontrunners Ryan Edwards, Brandon Patrick, Hugo Holmes and Ross Thomas to lead the way, with Edwards triumphing in the final after coming close in recent months. Patrick and Holmes completed the podium, while Thomas and Alex Rees claimed top five results.

Comer Cadet was missing a few regulars, but that only served to allow Louis Griffiths-

Walker and the similarly-named Lewis Griffiths to set the pace during the heats.

Griffiths-Walker claimed races one and two, with his near namesake triumphing third time around, and it was Griffiths who again came out on top in the final, after his rival posted a rare retirement on lap three.

That allowed Lucas Wynne - a top three finisher throughout the heats - and Tom Rawlings to end the day on the podium.

Junior Honda was also reduced to just a couple of runners but, given his recent form, it was unlikely that anyone would have provided much opposition to Daniel Jones.

Monty Gorridge did his best to stem the tide, but could not prevent

Jones from taking a clean sweep of race wins to extend his points lead.

With Macaulay Austin and Steven Handford missing in FKS action, the road was open for others to claim the Junior Rotax spoils and, after a string of frustrations, James Johnson proved to be the one capable of doing so.

So often strong in the heats, only to see his hard work go to waste in the final, Johnson got it all right on this occasion, sweeping the three heats and then going on to lead from start to finish in the main event. He crossed the line four seconds clear of his nearest rival.

This time around, this proved to be Jordan Hawkins, who backed up two second place finishes in the heats with a similar result in the final.

Minimax regular Rob Ellis completed the podium, denying the unfortunate Scott Rose, who had been in the top three all day.

Junior TKM featured half a dozen drivers, and three of those proved to be the main contenders throughout the heats and final.

Ryan Jones started as he meant to go on by claiming the opening encounter, and would win twice more, including a narrow 0.48secs success in the main event.

The man he denied, Niall Williams, had previously taken victory in heat two, but was passed on lap five of the final and could not find a way back to the front.

Ross Chell, who had finished each heat as runner-up, had to settle for third in the final while Yousuf Ashraf, the only other driver to break the top three on the day, posted an unfortunate DNF in the main event.

Senior Honda was again without veteran Paul Saunders, but nothing was going to prevent reigning champion Simon Evans from continuing his recent domination.

Fresh from his narrow Welsh Championship success, Evans swept the board, claiming the final by six seconds over runner-up Hugh Jones.

Garth Lewis, the third man in the three-way scrap for national honours, had been

Evans' nearest rival throughout the heats, but lost out by 0.09secs when it really mattered, having twice traded places with his rival.

Senior Max crept into double figures with eleven runners and, with new Welsh champion Craig Mooney absent, Chris Davis and Josh Collings took full advantage to share the race wins between themselves.

Alternating on the top step of the podium throughout the day, Collings was best placed to claim victory in the final, claiming a four-second margin of victory after passing Davis on lap three.

Garth Taylor appeared on course for another podium appearance until retiring on lap five of the main event, and his frustration allowed the hard-trying David Entwistle to claim a maiden class podium, having already finished second in the final heat.

Dean Arthur, meanwhile, picked up from where he had left off at the Welsh Championship meeting, claiming victory over Wayne Stone in each of the four races for the Max 177 class.

The visiting Honda Challenge enjoyed a double-header weekend in south Wales, and it was the aptly-named Steven Welsh who came out on top on both Saturday and Sunday.



Ryan Jones en route to Junior TKM success.

Andrew Johnson and Steve Lyall shared day one's heat wins with Welsh, but it was Chris Mealin who proved to be best of the rest behind the winner in the final, with local club member Chris Lipscomb completing the podium.

Welsh again shared the heat wins on Sunday, with Lyall denying him a clean sweep before going on to finish as runner-up in the main event.

Michael Kew completed the podium second time around, denying Lipscomb, whose top three heat form wasn't enough for a return when it mattered most.

RESULTS
BAMBINO - 1 William Elsworth (CRG) 2 Ffion Rees.

CADET HONDA - 1 Ryan Edwards (Project One); 2 Brandon Patrick (Project One); 3 Hugo Holmes (Zip).

CADET COMER - 1 Lewis Griffiths (Zip); 2 Lucas Wynne (Zip); 3 Tom Rawlings (Zip).

JUNIOR HONDA - 1 Daniel Jones (MS); 2 Monty Gorridge (7Kart).

JUNIOR ROTAX - 1 James Johnson (Kosmic); 2 Jordan Hawkins (Tonykart); 3 Rob Ellis (Tonykart).

JUNIOR TKM - 1 Ryan Jones (CRG); 2 Niall Williams (Intrepid); 3 Ross Chell (Jade).

SENIOR HONDA - 1 Simon Evans (7Kart); 2 Hugh Jones (MS); 3 Gareth Lewis (7Kart).

SENIOR ROTAX - 1 Josh Collings (CRG); 2 Chris Davis (Storm); 3 David Entwistle (Redspeed).

ROTAX 177 - 1 Dean Arthur; 2 Wayne Stone (CRG).

HONDA CHALLENGE - Saturday: 1 Steven Welsh (MS); 2 Chris Mealin (MS); 3 Chris Lipscomb (Silverfox Jade). Sunday: 1 Steven Welsh (MS); 2 Steve Lyall (MS); 3 Michael Kew (7Kart).

Best Novice: Steve Grose (Senior Honda); Driver of the Day: Ryan Jones (Junior TKM).

Report: Craig Llewellyn
Photo: Hardy Rodde

Tim excited about owners' day

A BERTHIN race-horse trainer Tim Vaughan is holding his annual owners' day at his Pant Wilkin Stables on Sunday, August 7, and if last year's event is anything to go on, his owners are in for an interesting and informative day.

The day begins with coffee at 10.30am followed by a tour of the racing yard then a parade of the horses Tim currently has in training.

Owners will also have a

chance of seeing some of the horses working on the gallops before making their way home.

Since moving in to the newly constructed Pant Wilkin yard on Gold Cup day 2008, Tim has saddled more than 250 winners.

A tally of 91 National Hunt winners in 2010/11 placed Tim in the top 10 of the National Hunt Trainers' Championship, and big race success for *Saint Are* (Grade 1 Novices Hurdle), *Beshabar* (Scottish Grand National) and *Spirit of Adjisa* (Grade 1 Champion Novice Hurdle) have firmly established this dedicated trainer to the upper echelons of

British jumps racing.

Tim is excited about the prospect of a racing club that combines days at the races with interesting and a diverse social calendar with events throughout the year.

The club will feature a mix of young, unexposed National Hunt horses, together with some fun types capable of winning races throughout the year.

For more information on the club contact Nathaniel Barnett in the office on 01446 771626.

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TAOW strike more gold, silver and bronze medals



ABOVE: Two students in action at the Grand Prix

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We welcome your news, reports and other items of interest.
Email us on: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

STUDENTS from Tae Kwon Do Academy of Wales took part in the second stage of the Grand Prix, hosted by ITF Wales, at Eastern Leisure Centre Cardiff on June 19 and did us proud, winning 19 medals.

Events included patterns, sparring and special techniques.

For some, it was a whole new experience with our newer students taking part in the competition for the first time.

They did themselves and the club extremely proud and on the other side of the coin, our more mature students, newly promoted to black belts in April, did very good job as officials in the competition.

The students all did extremely well, coming away with an amazing six gold, eight silver and five bronze medals.

The students are now looking forward to the final stage of the Grand Prix which will be held on October 16.

For more details, visit our website www.taowales.co.uk.

Bridgend Leisure League round-up

PERSIL BOYS continue to head the way in the Bridgend six-a-side Sunday top flight as Gavin Davies guided them to a commanding 4-1 win over Hardly Athletic.

B Attack stated their intentions, however, as they hit Hangover Heroes for six without reply, James King taking the plaudits, while Team

Extreme got their first win, easing out Young Exiles 3-0.

No Tea Tonight have leapt to the summit of Division One as they overcame Inter Windmill 2-0, leapfrogging them as a result. Brackla FC moved firmly into the mix after seeing off FC Sarn by three goals to nil.

ABCDE FC were in devastating form, lighting up the Wednesday five-a-side league with

an incredible 13-0 humbling of Athletico Bridgend, Tom Mills the stand out performer.

Park Rangers stated their intentions at the sharp end as they hit FC Ogmores for six without reply, Ricky Firetag taking the plaudits.

Anyone who wants to join the six-a-side football leagues in Bridgend can ring 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisure-leagues.net.

Athletic youth training begins

BARFC youth training has commenced under the supervision of director of rugby and Ospreys under-18 coach Paul Yardley.

Please report to Paul on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30pm at Bridgend Cricket Pavilion, Newbridge Fields.

Last season's under-16s, as well new and old players, are welcome to join.

It is a stepping stone to senior rugby, as five players from the previous season's youth squad represented the First XV in Swalec

League Division One West in a highly successful season.

There is also a Second XV playing in a very competitive Welsh league.

The success of the youth side in recent seasons, where they have won both the Welsh Youth Cup and Welsh National League, has been recognised with 10 players in the last four seasons gaining Welsh youth caps from the club.

Further details available from youth team manager Phil Rees on 07720781483 or Paul Yardley on 07939413661.

Club to hold fun day

KENFIG Hill Rugby Club is looking for new players to come and join the team.

A spokesman said: "We train every Wednesday from 6pm-7pm at Croft Goch Sports Field. We are also holding a fun day on August 6."

The fun day includes a coconut shy; spin the wheel; a bouncy castle; face painting; air rifle shooting; tombola; competitions; children's races; tug of war; fancy dress; name the dragon; cakes; and refreshments, from 1pm 'til late.

Bridgend athlete gets taste of the Olympic venues



Rosa and Ian Yates at the Olympic Park.

MADELEINE MOON MP invited Rosa Yates, a promising young athlete from Bridgend to visit the Olympic Park recently.

The visit was organised through the Olympic Delivery Authority that has responsibility for building all of the Olympic venues.

Rosa, accompanied by

her dad Ian, travelled around the Olympic Park to see the venues including the Olympic Stadium, Aquatic Centre and Velodrome.

The day also included a tour of the Houses of Parliament and time to watch part of a debate in the House of Lords.

Madeline Moon said: "I was very pleased to be able to extend the invitation to Rosa and her dad.

It was a great opportunity to see how the Olympic Park has developed, particularly as many of the venues are very close to completion.

"Rosa is a middle distance runner who hopes to specialise in the 800 metres. While the London 2012 Olympics have come around too soon for her, she hopes to compete in a future Olympics."

Good weekend at the crease for Cavaliers

WITH nine out of 10 scheduled club games lost to the weather in the last two weeks, it was nice to actually get a game in.

In a club double header, the Cavaliers First XI were away at Pencoed with the Second XI playing host to their Second XI.

Dave Russell won a good toss to win and inserted Pencoed, his decision being vindicated when Pencoed being reduced to 17 for 2 after 7 overs.

Opening bowlers Scott Wheatley (1 for 13) and Dave Cheal (2 for 27) finished their seven and 10 over spells respectively and made way for Ed Pickford (3 for 6) and Phil Harris (4 for 9) who bowled terrific spells to dismiss Pencoed for 59 off 27.3 overs.

Opener R Mort top scored with 18 for Pencoed but the Cavs were rewarded for wicket to wicket bowling with seven batsmen being bowled and an excellent display in the field from the home team.

After an early tea, the Cavs set about chasing the 60 runs required. In this sort of game it can either be a short sharp chase or a bit of a struggle if early wickets are taken.

It turned out to be the latter with the Pencoed opening bowlers Tony Kennett (2 for 14) and Ali Waterhouse (2 for 27) bowling excellent spells, at one point reducing the Cavs to 17 for 3 off 8 overs with the aid of a run out.

Pencoed put in an excellent performance in the field with no quarter

given as they reduced the Cavs to 44 for 6 after 21 overs.

After the drinks break, the Cavs slowly but surely inched to the required total as Tom Pritchard (5 not out) and top scorer skipper Dave Russell (13 not out) finally passed the winning post after 27.2 overs, remarkably enough just one ball less than the visitors' innings lasted.

Pencoed could have easily won the game with a bit more luck and are to be commended for their battling performance in the field, with wicketkeeper R Owen taking three well taken catches behind the stumps.

In the First XI fixture, Pencoed scored 183 for 9, thanks to 50 from Wayne Thomas and 38 not out from Rhys Morgan, Ben Jenkins finishing with three wickets.

The Cavs chased down the total as Sam Pickford and James McNaughton ensured an away win with excellent knocks of 72 and 47.

This was a good win for the First XI after three weeks without a game. They will be looking to put in another good performance this week in a club double header against Pontymister.

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